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Xavier readies for Shootout, finals



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- Crosstown Shootout hits Cintas on Friday
- Ticket distribution rife with problems



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Panel tackles tough question

BY ELIZABETH BONEAU
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The Xavier Alliance held a panel discussion last Wednesday in Kelley Auditorium in an effort to educate students and faculty about the Catholic Church's position on homosexuality.

The Alliance is Xavier's support group for gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender individuals, and has been working to raise awareness and acceptance on campus.

The existence of the Alliance itself and Xavier's welcome statement has caused some controversy on campus, as some see it as a conflict with Xavier's Jesuit foundation.

The panel, "Homosexuality in the Catholic Tradition," addressed these concerns and ex-

plained the position the Church is trying to adopt towards homosexuality.

Chris Seelbach, president of the Alliance, moderated the discussion and directed questions to the panelists. The three panelists included Ms. Peg Black, director of the Family Life office for the archdiocese; Mr. Joe O'Flynn, a gay man and member of Bellarmine parish; and Rev. John LaRocca, S.J., history professor and Alliance adviser.

All represent and advocate the acceptance of gays in the Catholic Church, yet acknowledged that they battle a more conservative element in the Church. While many welcome homosexuals in the Catholic tradition, many who fight their inclusion still remain.

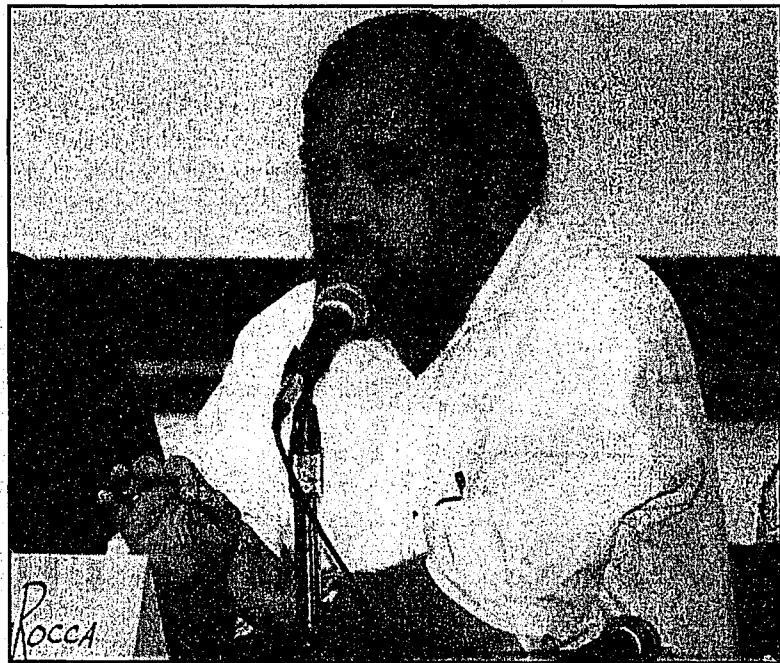
"It is good to know that there are others out there, non-gays,

fighting my fight with me. And I find that I am no longer fighting because my parish is so supportive. Yet, a great amount of ignorance still exists elsewhere," said O'Flynn.

Black represented that element which is fighting to open up the Catholic Church. After the "Always Our Children" letter from Cardinal Ratzinger was sent out, she realized the Church needed some form of ministry for gays and lesbians, and was supported by the archbishop.

"We receive strong reactions from the right and the left on the issue, and have even received bomb threats. But how do we reach out to people if we alienate them? We need to educate and do some bridging. People have

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NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY DEVIN MATHIS

Rev. John LaRocca, S.J., spoke at the Alliance's panel discussion in Kelley Auditorium on Wednesday.



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Kim McGinnis-Hemphill gave the welcome and the history and purpose of Kwanzaa to those in attendance at the Pre-Kwanzaa celebration on Dec. 6.

Pre-Kwanzaa celebration

BY LENA DAVIE
Contributing Writer

The Pre-Kwanzaa celebration was held on Thursday at Bellarmine Chapel to inform students of its origin, symbols and principles. Karamu, a communal feast, followed the celebration.

Led by Kim McGinnis-Hemphill of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, this celebration recognized family, community and culture.

Kwanzaa is an African-American holiday that is celebrated from Dec. 26 thru Jan. 1. Kwanzaa is derived from the phrase "matunda ya kwanza" which means "first fruits" in Swahili.

Dr. Maulana Karenga, chair of the department of Black Studies

at the University of California, Long Beach, created Kwanzaa from the Africa celebration of the first harvests.

During Kwanzaa, a principle is recognized each day as a part of the Nguzo Saba — "Seven Principles." Unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith are recognized each day, sequentially.

Each of these principles are recognized as building blocks of the community in hopes of reinforcement and enhancement.

At the Pre-Kwanzaa celebration, the Nguzo Saba (the presentation of the seven principles), Tamshi La Tambiko (the Libation Statement) and

Mishsumaa Saba (lighting of candles) were performed. The Libation is the pouring of water into a large bowl to recognize family ancestors.

To represent the Nguzo Saba, candles — three red, one black and three green — were lit as each principle was recognized and read aloud.

Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday, but its purpose for unity and support is similar. The following excerpt of the African Values Pledge exemplifies the purpose of Kwanzaa. "We join together to uphold the Seven Principles in our daily lives, and support one another in working for the Highest Good for ourselves, our families, and community."

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Interfaith service

The Brueggeman Cether, together with the World Peace Bell in Newport, Ky. is sponsoring the Third Annual Interfaith Peace Service to ring in the new year. It will be held on Monday, Dec. 31 at the Syndicate Restaurant Ballroom, at 18 East 5th St.

The service will begin at 2:30 p.m. and will conclude with a ringing of the World Peace Bell at 4 p.m. It is free and open to the public. Free parking is located adjacent to the Peace Bell.

Representatives from the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Friends, Hindu, Islam, Jain, Jewish, Native American and Sikh traditions will participate.

For more information, contact the Brueggeman Center at 745-3922 or the World Peace Bell at 859-655-9500.

Service learning

Xavier students who have participated in this fall semester's academic service learning program in Urban Cincinnati and Nepal will be sharing their experiences this week. The Urban Cincinnati students will present today at 4 p.m. in the Schott Multi-Purpose room. The Nepal program will have its presentation Friday, Dec. 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Albers Hall 103. These presentations are open to the Xavier community. For more information, contact Patrick Welage at 745-3768.

SAC ski trip

SAC is sponsoring a ski trip to Perfect North on Feb. 1 from 9 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. The cost for a lift ticket is \$20 and rentals are free with. Look for more information on registration after winter break. For more information, call the SAC office at 745-3534.

Library's food for fines a success

The library staff wishes to thank all those who donated food during the "food for fines" event—394 nonperishable food items were collected for the Free Store of Cincinnati. The food items will be delivered and available for the holidays.

Holiday book drive

The Xavier Literacy volunteers are sponsoring the third annual book drive. Boxes are located around campus. Gently used books can be donated or there is a wish list at amazon.com under Xavier Literacy Volunteers.

Relaxation 101

The BSA committee is sponsoring Relaxation 101 today at 7:30 p.m. in Cohen 128.

Shutout for shootout tickets

BY JENNIFER PUTNAM
Contributing Writer

On Thursday, Dec. 6, the Cintas Center had a new addition to its landscaping, and it was not flowers. Try 1000 sleep deprived students eagerly awaiting the ticket sales to the much anticipated Crosstown Shootout.

Students were told they could not arrive until 6 a.m. to begin waiting in line, with tickets going on sale at 8 a.m.

This process is quite different than that of the past, when students were allowed to camp out all night to ensure they received tickets to what is Xavier's biggest home game of the season.

"The process was changed this year for safety reasons," said Campus Police Chief Mike Couch.

Campus Police changed the process in order to maintain orderly conduct and the safety of the students. By 5:30 a.m., there were already approximately 400-500 students waiting in line.

Campus Police had video cameras on hand to help them identify specific individuals in the event that an incident might occur. By 6:45 a.m. there were approxi-

mately 900-1,000 people wrapped around the Cintas Center.

When students realized the line would begin on the other side of the building, there was a stampede to the east side of the building. The athletic office was soon called to see if tickets could go on sale at an earlier time. At 7 a.m., the doors opened and students began to file in one by one. In less than an hour, tickets were sold out, landscape was uprooted, the front of the Cintas was trashed, and students were not happy. Between 500-600 students did not get tickets. This had students questioning the ticket distribution process.

"One suggestion that has been made to better the distribution of the tickets is a lottery system. Using a system similar to the registration process,

students would be randomly selected as to what time they could go get their ticket," said Couch.

There would be no particular order as to how the students would be selected. Limiting the number of tickets a student could get is also an option that is being discussed. Next year, the university will hold meetings to get student input and organize a more effective way of distributing tickets in the future.

"The process was changed this year for safety reasons."

—Chief Couch



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY JACKSON GOODNIGHT

Students wait in line on Dec. 7 outside the Cintas Center for Crosstown Shootout tickets.

Fines run rampant in residence halls

BY LENA DAVIE
Contributing Writer

For students who live in the underclassman residence halls, warnings and fines are becoming more frequent and severe. Brockman, Kuhlman and Husman Halls have borne the brunt of the damages.

Letters have been sent to all residents informing them of the fines. Residence Life hopes that fines will be enough to discourage future acts of vandalism.

"The letters are the last result in order to get residents to comply. We know that the students have a more persuasive voice in the dorms, so by issuing the letters the students take care of the problem so that fines do not occur," said Ava Jean Fiebig, director of Residence Life.

According to the Resident Student Association's Web site, "as part of the housing contract, residents do incur any damage cost deemed significant that is unaccounted for." In Husman, vandalism occurred

causing residents to pay \$3.60 each for the costs of the damage.

At Kuhlman, each resident was warned of a \$20 fine for residents throwing food out the windows and down staircases in the dorm.

Brockman's centrally located residents were warned of a \$100 each fine for bottles of urine thrown from the central windows of the dormitory.

The disciplinary fines that were paid will be used for educational programming.

Fiebig said that overall, she wants residents to be community active within their dorms in order to combat these problems.

"I think RAs and Hall Directors are a lot like teachers in that when there is a class clown, the teacher punishes everyone in hopes that everyone will find and punish the class clown. But it just doesn't work that way in college," said Mike Malycky, sophomore and resident of Kuhlman Hall.

Police Notes

Dec. 4, 6:25 a.m. — Campus Police responded to an altercation between two contractors in the basement of Alter Hall. Both were dealt with internally by their supervisor.

Dec. 5, 12:30 p.m. — A Kuhlman student received harassing telephone calls from an unknown source. The subject told the student that she had won a free pair of shoes, and then preceded to ask the student personal questions.

Dec. 5, 1 p.m. — A Cintas Center employee reported the theft of an Iomega Zip drive from his office. The drive is valued at \$100.

Dec. 6, 1:30 a.m. — Campus Police broke up a loud party in the Village and cited two students for underage consumption.

Dec. 6, 6:58 p.m. — A female UPS driver reported being confronted by two subjects brandishing firearms on Woodburn Ave. The situation was relayed to the Cincinnati Police.

Dec. 7, 3:15 a.m. — Campus Police cited a 19-year-old student outside of Husman Hall for disorderly conduct while intoxicated. She was observed being supported by another student because she was unable to walk.

Dec. 8, 12:03 a.m. — Campus Police cited a non-student for driving under the influence and reckless operation. A second individual in the car was cited.

Dec. 8, 2:15 a.m. — Campus Police cited one Xavier student and one UC student for criminal mischief when they were found removing traffic cones from University Drive.

Dec. 8, 11:25 a.m. — Campus Police assisted Norwood Police in breaking up a large party in the 1900 block of Hudson Avenue. Approximately 400 people were in attendance.

Dec. 9, 1:55 a.m. — Campus Police assisted Residence Life in breaking up a loud party on the third floor of the Commons. The matter will be handled by Residence Life.

Dec. 10, 8 p.m. — Campus Police warned a non-student who was trespassing in the C2 lot.

Police Note of the Week

Dec. 8, 6:30 p.m. — A student was cited by the Cincinnati Police for failure to obey a traffic officer and underage possession of alcohol. The student nearly hit the officer who was directing traffic in front of the campus radio station.

RSA pursuing change on campus

BY LORI GOETZINGER

Campus News Editor

The Resident Student Association (RSA) is working on several plans that will improve on-campus living.

Recently, they have addressed the Internet problem on campus and have been working with Technology Services to facilitate communication between students and the administration. Xavier is in the process of adding Internet capacity and the new system should be working by the beginning of the spring semester.

RSA is also working with Residence Life and the Honors Program to ensure that all students are satisfied with the facilities given to Honors students.

The plan for the 2002-2003 school year will give Honors students the second and third floors of Buenger Hall. Freshmen and sophomores will be mixed in the four wings, according to Steve Weissenburger, RSA president. In order to go through the housing selection process, each suite in Buenger designated for the program must have at least 50 percent Honors students.

The Honors programs will also be given the Villa on Victory Parkway. "The program has a Honor's House where honors students can gather, faculty can conduct class,

and the program can fully control," according to the RSA Web site.

Many facilities in Buenger Hall will continue to be for Honors students only, including the basement kitchen, recreation room, conference room and computer lab. However, a fully equipped kitchen and soda machine accessible to all residents is available on the fourth floor and there is also room for meeting as a small group in this same space, according to RSA's Web site.

RSA is also looking into the possibility of moving from the coin laundry system to a flat rate for laundry included in a student's Bursar account. Assistant Director of Residence Life Beverly Bobbit is examining this idea. However, any decision would not be put into effect until the 2003-2004 academic year, according to Weissenburger.

This year a few RSA changes are already in effect. The DirecTV cable system is up and running and most of the problems are fixed.

Additionally, RSA worked on getting the peepholes for Commons residents that were installed earlier this year.

RSA encourages people to get involved with their organization. "If anyone is interested, they can



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BRIAN ANGOLIA

Kim Blevins, Carla Sebastian and Sarah Schwab at RSA's most recent event, Bingo on Dec. 8.

be involved. Even if they want to do something small," Weissenburger said.

Community council meetings are held in all of the residence halls and RSA is working on creating a council for apartments and houses. Students can raise any concerns they have with their community

council members.

"If there's an issue we're not examining, let us know," Weissenburger said.

For information about any RSA business, how to get involved or to contact an RSA representative, visit www.xavier.edu/rsa.

Philosopher offers insights into Descartes

BY JENNIFER PUTNAM

Contributing Writer

On Monday, Dec. 3, both students and faculty gathered to welcome distinguished philosopher Dr. Gordon Baker to Xavier.

The department of philosophy held an open lecture with a question session following at 8 p.m. in the Schiff Family Conference Center. His lecture, "The Structure of Descartes' Meditation 1," gave an in-depth summary of the philosopher's work.

"There are common misconceptions about Meditation 1 and it is often subject to scrutiny," said Baker.

Descartes' Meditation 1 argues

the validity of sense experience in determining preconceived ideas and beliefs. Dr. Baker went into detail as to how readers tend to criticize this because they do not understand it. The purpose of his lecture was to offer insight to those in attendance and make what is widely considered a difficult subject easier to understand.

Along with being a respected philosopher, he is also a world-renowned author of numerous works on the philosophers Descartes and Wittgenstein. Dr. Baker's appearance is another attempt to promote on campus lecture series.

Fredin scholarships winners announced

BY ELIZABETH BONEAU

Asst. Campus News Editor

Sophomores Kristin Heinke and The Newswire's Dan Arbeznic were named recipients of this year's Fredin Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship was established at the bequest of Mlle. Aline Fredin in memory of her parents. Heinke is a French and International Affairs major with a modern European concentration. Arbeznic, writer of Calendar City, is part of the HAB (Honors Bachelor of Arts) program.

The scholarship awards each recipient \$15,300 and the winners will study at the Sorbonne in Paris. The money partially covers a school year's tuition at the Sorbonne, as well as covering one-

way transportation to France, housing, meals, and excursions.

"I was both honored and completely surprised to receive such a prestigious scholarship. It's hard to concentrate on school knowing I'll be studying in the great city of Paris," said Arbeznic.

Applicants had to submit two teacher recommendations, two mini-essays and eventually have an interview.

"I am honored also and it has always been my dream to study in France. I'm looking forward to improving my French grammar, as well as understanding their non-verbal communication," said Heinke.

Kwanzaa: symbols

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Symbols of Kwanzaa

- **Mkeka:** The straw mat, foundation of family and community
- **Kinara:** Seven-stick candle holder, family background
- **Kikombe:** Unity cup, representing interdependence
- **Karamu:** Communal feast held on the last day of Kwanzaa
- **Mazao Basket of fruit:** rewards of labor and blessing of abundance

Kwanzaa Principles (Swahili)

1. Umoja — Unity
2. Kujichagilia — Self determination
3. Ujima — Collective work and responsibility
4. Ujamaa — Cooperative Economics
5. Nia — Purpose
6. Kuumba — Creativity
7. Imani — Faith

Alliance: human dignity

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this idea that homosexuals are Godless, when they are really some of the most devout Catholics. Because the Church takes hard lines on issues, people assume one is in place here, while there really is room for homosexuals in the Catholic tradition," said Black.

LaRocca spoke authoritatively about the Church's actual teaching and the need to keep an open mind.

"Discrimination occurs when people take a fundamentalist approach to scripture. Above all, the Church's central teaching is the dignity of the human person. The human being has absolute value, and if institutions within society demean that person, they must be

changed," said LaRocca.

Black acknowledged the distinction between the Church's letter of the law and its spirit.

"We walk the fine line between staying true to the teaching of the Church and staying close to Christ, and if I'm wrong, I would prefer to err on the side of Christ," said Black.

O'Flynn also noted the discrepancy in the Church's message.

"Love the sinner, hate the sin takes me the wrong way. I'm a salad bar Catholic: I take what I like and leave the rest. I don't know if that makes me a good Catholic, but it makes me a good person. We have to be authentic to who we are. We all deserve and should demand respect," said O'Flynn.

CORRECTIONS

A photo appearing in the top left corner on the front page of last week's issue was incorrectly credited to Devin Mathis. It was actually taken by Patrick Letton.

A story appearing on the front page titled, "Peace Returns" was actually written by Jennifer Putnam, not Elizabeth Boneau.

FACE IN THE CROWD

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Comparative studies

HALF A WORLD AWAY, FOUR YOUNG MEN STUDY AMERICAN BUSINESS PRACTICES IN HOPES TO ENRICH THEIR CORPORATION IN JAPAN

BY MELISSA A. MOSKO
News Features Editor

Four men from Tokyo and Osaka, Japan traveled half-way around the world and found themselves on Xavier's campus, learning English.

Jun, Yasu, Ryu and Michi are all employees of the Itochu Corporation based out of Japan that sends all new hires to the United States to learn English and to study western business culture.

"We are very fortunate," Jun said. "It is good for the company and for us to have this opportunity."

The young men, only on campus for one semester, all live with American families in the Xavier area.

"Living with American families forces them to use their English skills," said Debbie Themudo, a trainer from the English as a second language (ESL) department,

who has been working with the men this semester. "They also learn a great deal about American culture that way."

All four take courses in corporate English, corporate ethics and normal ESL classes along with one-

on-one training from the ESL department. Each has completed a market research project in the United States that is different from those markets in Japan.

Michi, who works in the logistics department of the Itochu Corporation, researched the way American sports are managed. He

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— Jun

worked closely with managers from the Cincinnati Reds to learn how American baseball players think, and how American baseball is managed.

Yasu, a licensed chef in Japan, studied the diet food market in America as his research project. This Itochu accountant studied the Diet Coke business,

Starbucks Coffee chain and the low-fat potato chip industry.

"American food is very different from Japanese food," Yasu said. "When you go to McDonald's and order a large Coke in America, it is twice the size of one in Japan."

Jun collected data from the Cintas Center regarding the way Xavier's campus handles recycling. His research of the American recycling business focused mainly on organic wastes, such as food products and the creation of compost piles, a natural fertilizer.

Ryu studied the self-service gas station, a rarity in Japan. "It is not likely that the elderly or women get out of their cars to pump their gas," he said. "It's just different here."

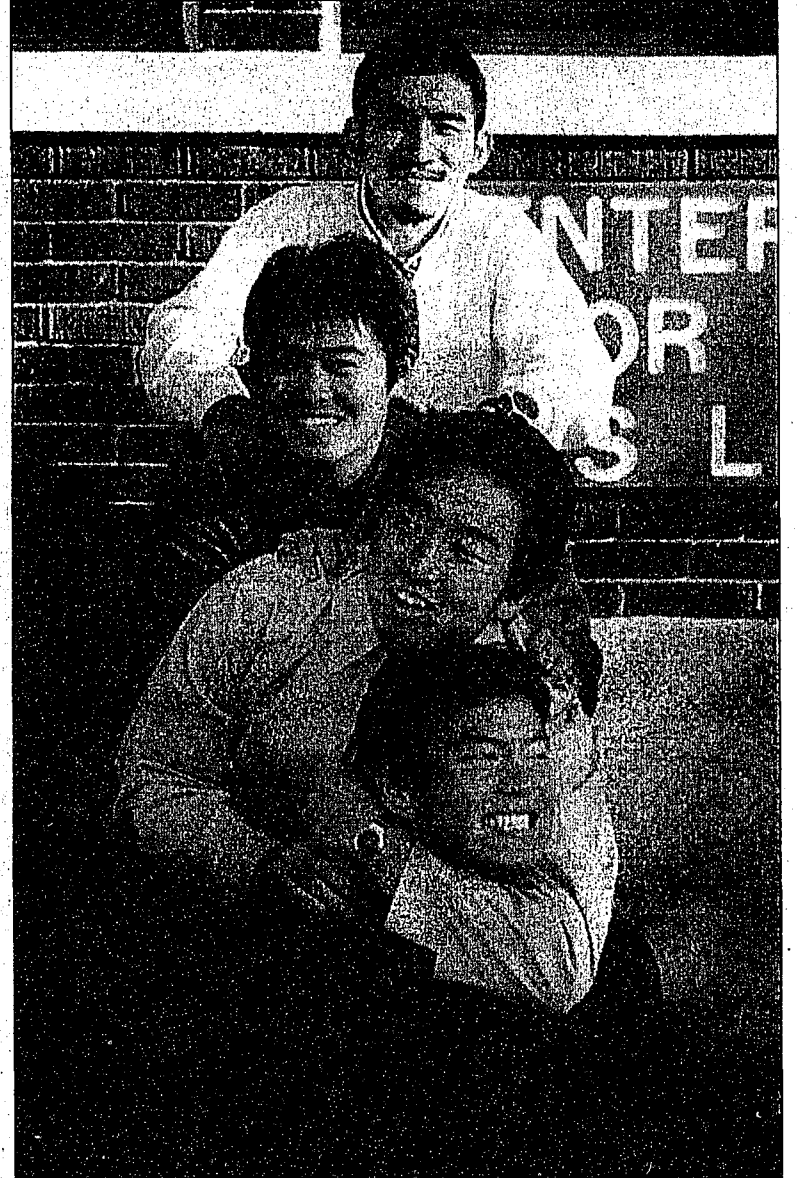
Ryu also cited the number of cars in America as a difference in the way gas stations are run in Japan.

The young men didn't stay tied down to their research while here, though. They visited museums, the zoo and many other attractions in and around Cincinnati.

"I went to the horse (racing) park in Kentucky with my host family," Ryu said. "It was one of the best things I've done in America."

Jun's host family put him to work. "I learned how to take care of children and babysit," he said. "I learned a lot about responsibility from the children."

Michi's family took him waterskiing on the river during his stay. The worst part about the experience? "The Ohio River," he chuckled.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY MELISSA MOSKO

Jun, Michi, Ryu and Yasu (top to bottom) enjoyed their time in the United States perfecting their English and learning about American business culture and our way of life.

News Features' Quote of the Week:

Finals suck. Deal with it.

— The News Features Department

Rewarded for their efforts

SOPHOMORES EVA-MARIE DAVID AND STACY HOEHN WON CLARE BOOTHE LUCE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THEIR WORK IN THE SCIENCES

BY MELISSA A. MOSKO
News Features Editor

Two exceptional Xavier students were rewarded for their academic efforts this past week. The Clare Boothe Luce Scholarship was awarded to sophomores Eva-Marie David and Stacy Hoehn.

The scholarship is given to sophomore women majoring in chemistry, computer science or physics, and who intend to pursue graduate study after Xavier.

"As women, we are encouraged by our departments to pursue fields

that women don't always pursue," said Hoehn, a mathematics and computer science major.

This scholarship gives recipients the encouragement to continue their education past Xavier by covering costs for undergraduate tuition, room and board, fees and books.

"Women are represented in biological fields and medicine, but they are underrepresented in hard sciences such as physics, chemistry and computer science," said David, a physics major. "A greater diver-

sity of people in sciences will bring new ideas and perspectives to make the study of science better."

What drives these women to pursue careers in the sciences?

For Hoehn, it is the satisfaction of seeing the result of the work done.

"I am interested in computer science because it gives me an opportunity to apply math to the world," she said.

For David, it is the challenge of the endless search for knowledge to find out how the world works.

"I cannot remember a time when I looked up on a starry night and did not feel overwhelmed — a part of something bigger," said David, a self-proclaimed astronomy buff.

Both of these women have big plans for their academic futures.

Hoehn intends to go to graduate school and get her Ph.D. in math-

ematics. "I would like to use applied mathematics to solve tactical problems," she said.

David plans on pursuing her education and attaining her Ph.D. in physics, and hopes to one day work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

"I have always joked about one day running NASA," David said. "Who knows? Someday maybe I will."

Another aspect of the program that encourages students is the opportunity to do research at an undergraduate level. "I am glad that I get the opportunity to research now, and that my first experience is not while I'm sitting in grad school," Hoehn said.

David agreed, "You are challenged in a way that classes aren't. You are working to find something, not to prove something that someone else already has."

"I cannot remember a time when I looked up on a starry night and did not feel overwhelmed — a part of something bigger."

— Eva-Marie David

Afghan troops hunt for bin Laden

U.S. WARPLANES BOMB REGION OF TORA BORA AS GOVERNMENT PREPARES TO RELEASE TAPE LINKING BIN LADEN TO SEPT. 11 ATTACKS

BY JONATHAN S. LANDAY, SCOTT CANON AND MARTIN MERZER

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — Signaling a possibly decisive turn in the hunt for Osama bin Laden, Afghan forces launched a ground offensive Monday on his suspected refuge after U.S. warplanes hammered the mountainous warren of caves and bunkers.

On the home front, the Bush administration prepared to release a videotape in which bin Laden reportedly admitted involvement in the Sept. 11 attack on America and said that some of the hijackers weren't aware it was a suicide mission. He also is said to express delight on the tape that the death toll exceeded his expectations.

Apparently made in November and found about ten days ago in an abandoned apartment in Jalalabad, Afghanistan, the tape could counter bin Laden's previous public denials of responsibility.

"For those who see this tape, they'll realize that not only is he guilty of incredible murder, he has no conscience and no soul, that he represents the worst of civilization," President Bush told reporters following a White House ceremony honoring Hanukkah.

Many Americans on Tuesday observed the three-month anniversary of the terrorist assault that killed more than 3,000 people, leveled the World Trade Center, damaged the Pentagon, destroyed four hijacked jetliners and thrust the United States into leading a global war against terrorism.

President Bush asked citizens of the United States and the entire world to honor the day; Americans and citizens of more than 70 other countries played their national anthems at 8:46 a.m. EST, the moment when the first of two airplanes struck the trade

center on Sept. 11.

Solemn ceremonies will take place at the White House, the trade center, the Pentagon and in many schoolrooms and state capitals across the country.

U.S. military officials called Monday's fighting around Tora Bora "intense" as Afghan tanks shelled slopes and ridges, and groups of fighters moved to cut off escape routes from the hulking mountains where bin Laden's hardcore al-Qaida fighters were entrenched.

"[bin Laden] is a man on the run, a man with a big price on his head. He doesn't have a lot of good options."

— Assistant Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz

"Our troops are on the offensive," said Hafta Gul, a senior aide to Haji Zahir, one of three commanders directing the operation. "They are advancing."

By the end of the day, the Afghan forces reportedly overran the Malawa Valley at the foot of Tora Bora. They were said to have found the bodies of four al-Qaida fighters, but no sign of bin Laden — yet.

"This is a man on the run, a man with a big price on his head," said Assistant Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz. "He doesn't have a lot of good options."

In the south, U.S. Marines grabbed a foothold closer to Kandahar, moving troops and armored vehicles within view of the city's outskirts. Their objective: to intercept fleeing foes and capture Taliban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar.

Marines also entered Kabul for the first time since the city fell to anti-Taliban forces last month. The U.S. troops secured the American embassy, which has been closed since 1989 but could be reopened.

"We have publicly said we want to establish a diplomatic presence" in Afghanistan, said Mark Wentworth, a spokesman for the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Southeast of Kabul, the battle raged for Tora Bora, where bin Laden and his top deputy, Ayman al-Zawahiri, are believed to be.

Rear Admiral John Stufflebeem, a Pentagon spokesman, said a bomb was dropped on a cave "where some substantial al-Qaida forces would be, and possibly including senior leadership," though it was not known if that might have included bin Laden.

After a night of heavy bombing, U.S. B-52s suspended daylight strikes on Tora Bora as Afghan fighters launched their offensive Monday. The bombing runs were halted so the Afghans could advance without the threat of being hit by mistake, as occurred last week, Gul and other commanders said.

Several tanks positioned in foothills about two miles away fired sporadically in support of the attackers, their shells exploding in gray puffs of smoke and dust high up the knife-edged ridges of the hulking mountain.

Gul said Afghan forces would first try to block escape routes that the Arab defenders could use to



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Attorney General John Ashcroft holds up an al-Qaida training manual in testimony before the Senate Judiciary Committee about the war on terrorism last Thursday.

cross the nearby border of Pakistan.

Once the redoubt was surrounded, he said, Afghan tribal fighters would launch an all-out assault on al-Qaida's last stronghold in Afghanistan.

The high-pitched thrum of aircraft was heard after nightfall Monday, appearing to signal the resumption of the B-52 strikes that have lashed Tora Bora for days.

Still, it remained highly uncertain whether the Afghan fighters' uphill assault would succeed, and

the battle seemed likely to be difficult and bloody.

In Washington, Wolfowitz offered no sign that such action was imminent, though he cautioned:

"The war in Afghanistan is not won. We may be hunting Taliban and al-Qaida in Afghanistan months from now."

American Taliban member's future uncertain

BY SCOTT CANON AND LAUREN MARKOE

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CAMP RHINO, Afghanistan — John Walker, the 20-year-old Californian captured with other Taliban fighters in Afghanistan, sits surrounded by Marines in a legal limbo born from taking up arms for the enemy.

Walker "has been reasonably cooperative and talkative," said Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Richard Myers, on CBS TV on Sunday. That could help him, Myers and legal experts agreed, as U.S. officials decide how to handle his case.

The military expects to hand Walker over to civilian authorities soon.

Until then, he is the only prisoner on this remote desert outpost. He is described by Marine officials as a "battlefield detainee," entitled to the treatment guaranteed prisoners of war by the Geneva Convention.

That characterization of his status is deliberately ambiguous. It's a temporary designation used while

the highest echelons of the Defense Department, perhaps in consultation with Justice officials or other agencies, decide whether to give Walker a new status, a Marine lawyer said.

Walker could be designated a prisoner of war or an "illegal combatant," whose rights would be far less certain.

Justice Department lawyers have come up with six possible charges that could be brought against Americans fighting with the Taliban or al-Qaida, a category that, so far, fits only Walker. The charges include treason, conspiracy, murder of a U.S. government employee and providing material support to terrorists.

Walker was among Taliban fighters captured in Northern Afghanistan in October and held in a prison camp at Mazar-e-Sharif. U.S. forces discovered the American among the prisoners only after finding the last bedraggled survivors of a riot that led to deaths on both sides, including

about 100 northern alliance soldiers and one CIA agent, Johnny Michael Spann.

"He's a complete traitor. The worst kind of traitor. If I saw him, he's the enemy to me. He needs his head bashed in."

— Sgt. Eric Knox, U.S. Marines

Video shot before the uprising shows Spann questioning a dazed and unresponsive Walker.

"Obviously, he would have

some information that would be of great intelligence value that might help protect our troops that are engaged there, and our coalition partners that are engaged there," said Myers.

Asked if his cooperation now might help Walker, Myers said, "I think all that will be taken into consideration."

The Marine lawyer said the case is full of gray areas without any obvious precedents, the closest perhaps being Tokyo Rose, who broadcast propaganda for the Japanese aimed at demoralizing American troops.

Though he surrendered with the Taliban holding an AK-47 and called himself a "jihadi," a fighter of holy wars, U.S. officials have avoided calling Walker a traitor. Complicating the case is the fact that the U.S. never formally declared war against the Taliban.

Yale law professor Akhil Amar says that even if the facts show that Walker was fighting with the Taliban, U.S. officials may not

charge him with treason, the highest of crimes. Walker's cooperation could lead to a lesser charge.

In general, Amar said, "most wars don't end with the widespread prosecution of foot soldiers ... At Nuremberg, we didn't prosecute every German soldier."

One factor too may be reluctance to aggressively prosecute a young man who appears to be "a young, mixed-up kid," Amar noted.

That's not the general view of Walker held by Marines standing guard where he is being held, however.

"Somebody fighting for them, that just really upsets me," said Lance Cpl. Jesse Mendoza, 20, of Fresno, Calif. "Don't let me see him walking around or I'll, I don't know, I'll tackle him."

Sgt. Erik Knox, 37, of Chicago, said he could hardly be angrier about Walker.

"He's a complete traitor. The worst kind of traitor," Knox said. "If I saw him, he's the enemy to me. He needs his head bashed in."

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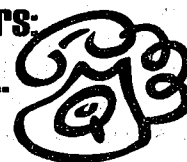
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- STAFF EDITORIAL -

Shootout Ticket Mishaps

Many excited Xavier students gathered around the Cintas Center as early as 3:30 a.m. last Friday morning, hoping to pick up their tickets for the Crosstown Shootout against the hated Bearcats on Friday, Dec. 14. What students found upon arriving at the plaza area was absolute chaos.

It was reported in the Dec. 5 Newswire the line for student tickets would not be permitted to form before 6 a.m. Well, students began forming a line as early as 4:15 a.m. While Campus Police had their entire force working to keep order, they were no match for over 400 rowdy students eager to grab tickets for the first Shootout on XU's campus since Feb. 5, 1949.

This entire debacle could have been prevented had Campus Police and the Xavier administration given the situation some thought and allowed students to camp out for tickets, a method used in 1999 for the last UC game Xavier hosted.

If camping out would have caused such a problem (although we don't see how, considering every other major college is able to handle such an event), a lottery system could have been devised to prevent the madness that occurred Friday morning.

With a lottery system, students would gather at a specified time, in no particular order, and the ticket distributors would hand out random numbers to all in attendance. Then, a number would be chosen from which to start and stu-

dents would line up in order from that number. This would make camping out a pointless activity.

It seems that Xavier, while wanting to be considered a major basketball school (as evidenced by building the state-of-the-art Cintas Center), wants to pick and choose which aspects of major college basketball it likes and which parts it does not. The administration must accept that not everything about having a high-level basketball team is wonderful.

The staff at *The Newswire* acknowledges the difficulty in determining a fair and effective way to distribute tickets to students obsessed with college basketball. We must note, however, the lack of true authority shown by the administration and Campus Police on Friday morning.

By going back on their word and allowing the hundreds of students who arrived early to form a line, they not only prevented students who know how to abide by rules from receiving tickets, but they indicated their weakness for establishing order among drunken, rambunctious students.

Though it was considerate to let the ticket distribution begin earlier than 8 a.m. once the line had formed and though Campus Police's intent was to prevent students from any harm, what was intended to be prevented actually occurred. The administration meant to prevent drunk students from hanging out around the Cintas Center all night, but that is precisely what happened. Let's hope they learned a lesson here.



- LETTER TO THE EDITOR -

Diversity and inclusion necessary

On a blustery, windy and rainy day, hundreds of students marched together for a cause. It was not for basketball or concert tickets; it was not for a big department store sale, nor was it to cash in textbooks at the end of the semester. On Dec. 6 in Cincinnati, the faces of African-Americans, Latinos, Arabs, Asians and Caucasians voiced their concerns on affirmative action, integration and equality with the hopes of ending segregation for the last time.

This new national civil rights march and rally was an effort to defend affirmative action and integration while fighting for equality. Organized by the Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action By Any Means Necessary, B.A.M.N., the experience helped me realize the importance of affirmative action in our education system.

Participants from Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Tennessee came to attend the court case of the University of Michigan's admission policy. The University of Michigan is being charged with segregating their law school. According to the press release, the graduating class of 1964 comprised 293 students — all of whom were white and predominately male. Between 1950 and 1970, the law school graduated 5,772 students — only 44 were black. All the while, no Latinos, Asians or Native Americans graduated.

Students right now are fortunate to go to diverse schools. In the '60s, this was not an option; segregation was a law. The '60s held a myriad of problems in society, especially for African-Americans — police brutality, inequality, segregation, oppressed women and a war in Korea. All of these problems remain relevant right now, right here. These are some reasons why affirmative action is necessary to society as a whole, but is also impor-

tant to students as far as admission policies.

Affirmative action provides a real life perspective in the classroom, opportunities and equal admission policies at all colleges — public and private. However, the purpose of the march was to ensure those objectives are being met on all college campuses.

Affirmative action policies are present on most college campuses, but just because a campus is listed as diverse does not mean that it is an inclusive and diverse campus. An inclusive and diverse campus requires integration of all races and sexes. Just having a diverse campus does not mean that segregation is not still present. All groups on campus should be inclusive and diverse in hopes of creating a community within the campus.

"An inclusive and diverse campus requires integration of all races and sexes."

Many campuses are just establishing a quota, which is illegal, in order to keep their schools alive. The march proved that despite the manipulative tactics, affirmative action should be used to not only create a diverse campus but also a diverse environment. It is not just the means of issuing money to certain races or giving certain sexes a club; the issue is to make sure the diverse campus is an active environment of integrated students who are involved.

The campus should be open with equal opportunities without affir-

native action. However, that is not true. Affirmative action was used as temporary ailment, at first, but now it has become a permanent solution in order to combat the problem. Because of that very fact, we as students should see that equality and integration is not getting better — it has gotten worse. For a new civil rights march to even occur shows a regression in our society. We have not progressed to overcome our many differences; rather, we have regressed into our history — what should be our example has now become our present ills.

Our college campuses are more than black and white students. We have Asians, Arabs and Latinos that make a school diverse. Everyone should be treated equally, not just one race or sex. Integration and equality are the goal of all affirmative action policies, and that was the goal of the march and rally on Dec. 6. The cohesiveness of many races, ages and schools showed how important affirmative action is to the learning environment. We as students must realize that we make a difference every day we attend a diverse class.

Let us make our campus more diverse by promoting other cultures and races in hopes of adding to our college experience as a whole — mental and social. I do not think anyone would like to lose the culture of our campus; we should want to make it better.

This march, despite the weather, was the beginning of sunny days. We may have cloudy days now, but as the trial proceeds and we as students continue to work towards full integration, it can only get better as long as we put our faith in God above. God made all of us, why not live together in peace, harmony and equality?

— Lena Davie
class of '05

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- M A L L T A L K -

What's your favorite Christmas tradition?



"The carols."

— Nic Pelzel
Senior

"When the tree falls over from having too many ornaments."

— Joanna Brown
Senior

"Staying in our pajamas all day long."

— Kristin Crabb
Senior

"Raining on little children's parades — I'm anti-Santa Claus."

— Elizabeth Draper
Senior

"Going home."

— Mark Grayson
Freshman

"Mistletoe."

— Andrew Taylor
Sophomore

"Cutting down our neighbor's Christmas tree."

— Chris Star
Freshman

"Not going to class."

— John Breeden
Freshman

Christmas chaos

BY ERIN NEVIUS

Opinions and Editorials Editor

Christmas 2001 is likely to be different from any other we've ever experienced. The world has been changed forever by the loss of innocent life on Sept. 11, and on this usually joyful and care-free holiday, worries abound and money has been harder to come by. Prepare yourself for a Christmas both somber and reflective.

National security is no longer taken for granted. Instead of sugary plums dancing in our heads, we are all plagued by the thought that Santa, on his yearly journey, may be hijacked by a bunch of angry fundamentalists and his merry sleigh flown into a mosque. Millions of innocent Barbies and Playstations will perish before ever realizing fruition in the arms of a loving child.

As a period of American prosperity is coming to an abrupt end — and I think we should all be thanking George W. for that early Christmas gift — many families are worried about the kind of Christmas they will be able to provide for their loved ones. Instead of being able to placate their expectant children with toys, video games and new clothes, parents are horrified at the prospect of having to sit down with their children and entertain one another.

The American family, for the first time in many years, is having trouble escaping the religious and spiritual dimension of this sacred holiday in the usual rush of capitalist consumerism. We can't have that — the terrorists will have won! I can only suggest one thing: credit.

The fear of anthrax has made the entire nation go, well, postal. Gas masks and rubber gloves are popular gift items this year, perfect for those relatives expecting lots of Christmas cards from New Jersey. Extra care needs to be taken when sending gift packages to family this year. Make sure you plainly write a return address, include correct postage and do not send the package to someone no longer at that address. Though

there are those among us who might find this sort of thing humorous, do not send anyone baking soda as a gag gift.

Do not forget to pay homage to our national heroes this holiday season. Tony Blair and the Northern Alliance epitomize what it means to be an American this Christmas, showing unadulterated support for our war on terrorism. As bombs fall like Christmas snow over the hills and plains of Afghanistan, remember how lucky we are to live in a country that has enough military power and nuclear intelligence to force even the most staunch anti-Americans into saying they love us.

And I don't know about you guys, but I'm anxiously awaiting a holiday address from the White House. I'm sure Bush and his speechwriters realize the enormity of comforting their nation on this most solemn and meaningful Christmas, and there is no doubt in my mind they've prepared a loving and encouraging speech. Surely they will mention the tax cuts for big businesses, largely ignored because of the war, that are meant purely to help the little guy as America enters into a recession. Probably, they will reemphasize the need for the American people to aid the economy by spending money they don't have.

Finally, I'm sure they will end on a spiritual note by reminding us that surely Jesus would want us to continue the hunt for bin Laden and the bombing of Afghanistan, even though bin Laden has denied involvement with Sept. 11 and no Afghan has ever been convicted of terrorism against the United States. I already feel better.

I guess what I'm trying to say is, during this new and reverent Christmas season, it is more important than ever to remember what this holiday is all about. Make sure every gift on your list is received and, above all, kill all those who oppose us. Merry Christmas, America.

- L E T T E R T O T H E E D I T O R -
Campus Police bungle tickets

As I sit here, I think about all of the productive things I could be doing. I, like every other student at Xavier, have massive amounts of school work to do and not enough time to do it. Unfortunately, I find myself unable to focus. Am I paralyzed with fear of being hit by fruit as I pass by Kuhlman? No, the two causes of my lack of focus are: 1) lack of sleep because I have been awake since 5 a.m. and 2) outrage over the completely inept fashion in which Campus Police oversaw the distribution of tickets for the Crosstown Shootout.

The first mistake made by Campus Police was to support a change from the former method of distribution, which allowed students to camp out. I have no doubt that this change in policy was made because of sincere concern for the well-being of students and in an effort to prevent students from having to miss class as they waited in line.

Campus Police and the administration, instead, opted to prevent students from lining up until two hours before the actual distribution, which was moved to 8 a.m. on Friday morning. The official statement released by Campus Police and the athletic department said (in big bold letters, no less) that, "Students cannot start lining up for tickets until 6 a.m. on Dec. 7!"

Despite the administration's assurances that this would cut down on numerous problems experienced in 1999, not a single student that I talked to thought that the new method was better than the old one. Most felt that the new method would simply result in a mass rush from the dorms to the ticket office, something far more dangerous and chaotic than the semi-orderly distribution of tickets that had occurred under the old method.

We all know what happened next. Chief Couch allowed the students to line up at around 5:15, although the phrase "line up" should

probably be replaced by "stampede towards the student entrance." The tickets were completely gone by 7:40, leaving hundreds of students who had followed the rules to wonder exactly what they had done wrong.

Many readers, especially those who were fortunate enough to obtain tickets, will dismiss my anger as simple bitterness over not having received a ticket. I am indeed bitter, but not at the students who went to the Cintas Center early; if I had known that Campus Police would not keep their word, I would have gone over there early also.

"Unless I'm grossly misinformed about the role of the police in our country, isn't one of the main concerns of police officers supposed to be to provide stability and order?"

I am also not out to get Couch or any of the other members of Xavier Campus Police. There were actually a few positive aspects to the ticket distribution, such as Campus Police arranging for the tickets to be given out early so that students did not have to wait in line for another hour. Unfortunately, the negatives far outweigh the positives.

The conduct of individual police officers was beyond comprehension. I witnessed one police officer lie to a student about when the others had been allowed to line up and saw many officers completely ignore the students once they were in line, opting instead to talk in small groups. I really doubt that they were coming up

with a strategy for ticket distribution in 2003. Many students chose to take advantage of this lack of attention by cutting in line and passing their All Cards to friends.

However, the key issue that emerged during this fiasco was that Campus Police was unable to maintain order. The extra security that was promised never materialized. As one officer whom I talked to observed, "We had 400 students here and only a couple of officers, so what could we do?" Unless I'm grossly misinformed about the role of the police in our country, isn't one of the main concerns of police officers supposed to be to provide stability and order?

The police officer's argument was ridiculous, akin to saying that the riots in April should not have been opposed because so many people were rioting. And let's face facts, Xavier students are not generally violent people; any significant show of authority, such as confiscating All Cards from students who were being disruptive, would undoubtedly have been more than enough to maintain order.

Finally, I'd like to share some suggestions with Campus Police to improve the distribution of tickets in future years. First, let the students camp out; if the administration is worried about the conduct of students, police officers could watch over the students. Second, Xavier administration should study the ticket distribution policies of other schools. Much could be learned from schools with highly popular basketball programs, such as Duke or the University of North Carolina.

Finally, although not a popular solution, a lottery for student tickets would eliminate the need to both camp out and line up. Whether Couch chooses to use any of these suggestions or not, here's hoping that things go smoother in 2003. Go Muskies!!!

— Tim McKay
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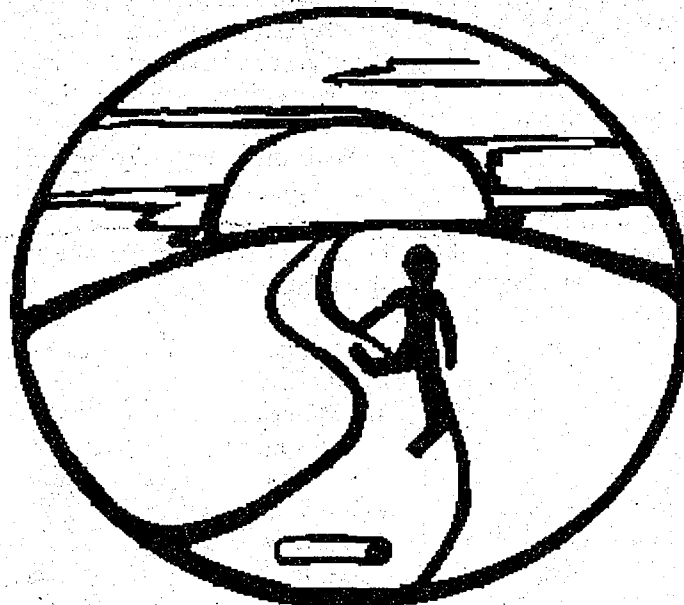
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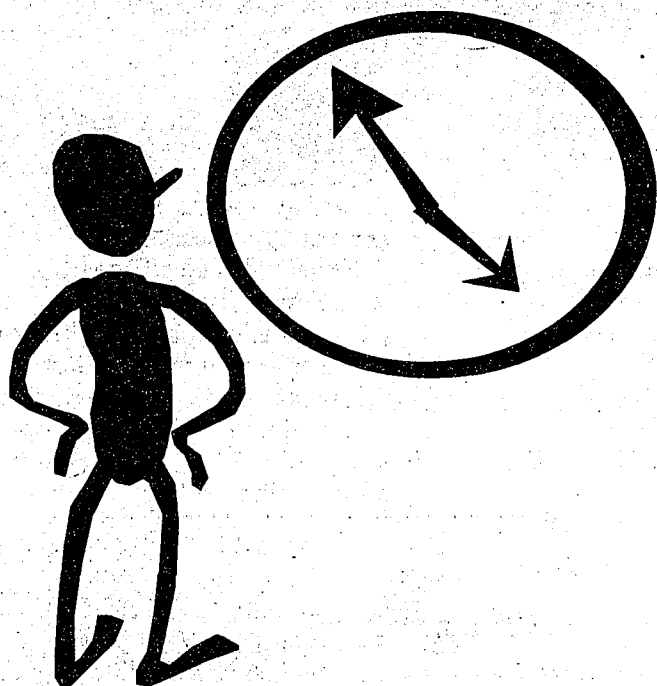
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Bachus, Martin honored for strong play

The Xavier volleyball team had two players named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Northeast All-Region team on Wednesday.

Senior Sara Bachus and freshman Molly Martin were named to the Northeast region squad. Martin was also named Northeast Region Freshman-of-the-Year.

Bachus, a two-time Atlantic 10 Player-of-the-Year, earns her second straight All-Region selection. She led the Atlantic 10 with a .386 hitting percentage and a 4.59 kills per game average. She also ends her Xavier career with a school record .338 hitting percentage and the second most kills in school history at 1,598.

Martin, also the A-10 Rookie-of-the-Year and Setter-of-the-Year, led the conference with 13.65 assists per game and was just three assists shy of the most assists in school history with 1,461. She also had four matches of 60-plus assists including a career-high 66 against Duquesne on Oct. 2.

The Musketeers (25-6) had their most successful season in school history with a .806 winning percentage and its first ever Atlantic 10 Tournament Championship and berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Shootout Week events

X-treme fans will be sponsoring a pair of events leading up to the Crosstown Shootout on Friday.

Today at 7 p.m. there will be a scavenger hunt — "Hunt the Bearcat." Muskies are encouraged to bring their teams of four students to the D'Artagnan statue in front of the Cintas Center.

Students on the first place team will receive a \$50 gift certificate to O'Bryon's Pub, while second and third place finishers will receive a \$25 gift certificate to O'Bryon's.

On Thursday, there will be a showing of the last Shootout held at the Gardens at 8 p.m. in the lounge of Commons. Sky-line Chili will be served.

Men ready for 'Cats

After falling to Purdue, XU recovers to drop LIU, Wisconsin

BY JOE ANGOLIA
Editor-in-Chief

The men's basketball team heads into their biggest game of the year on Friday night, on the heels of a maddening week, which saw the Xmen crumble at Purdue, humiliate Long Island and escape with an unflattering win against Wisconsin.

With this year's Crosstown Shootout just two days away, the Musketeers need to iron out their inconsistencies and find an offensive rhythm — fast.

First, an abysmal shooting night at Purdue cost the Musketeers a very winnable matchup. The Musketeers responded with a 51-point pounding, 108-57, of the Blackbirds, before watching the well dry up in an ugly win over the Badgers.

As unattractive as it was, the win over a Big Ten opponent, the Muskies first quality win of the season, should instill some confidence in the squad heading into the Cincinnati game.

"It was definitely a big win for us," said junior David West. "We sort of redeemed ourselves in the Big 10."

XAVIER 58, WISCONSIN 47

Last season's trip to Madison, Wis. marked one of the low points of XU's season, as the Xmen limped home after a 46-61 defeat.

After losing five seniors of last year's team, the Badgers had a much different look in Monday's

game. Led by freshman Devin Harris, the team's leading scorer at 16.3 points per game, Wisconsin entered the Xavier game at 3-5. Though their five losses had come by a combined 16 points.

Wisconsin's chances were dealt a crushing blow when Harris left the game at the 17:52 mark, having just picked up his second foul of game.

With their main scoring weapon watching from the bench, the Badgers offense went dormant, allowing the Musketeers to run out to a 20-7 lead following a three-point play from senior Kevin Frey.

The Badgers received a boost when Harris re-entered the game with 11:01 left to go in the first half, and immediately made his presence felt by sinking a three-pointer.

A three-pointer from freshman Neil Plank cut the XU lead to five points, 26-21. In danger of watching their lead disappear, the Musketeers turned to West.

Fresh off his third Atlantic 10 Player-of-the-Week citation, West made a basket inside the paint and then added a pair of free throws to push Xavier's lead to nine, 30-21.

A banked three-point shot from junior Lionel Chalmers as time expired gave XU a 33-21 cushion at the intermission.

Wisconsin went just 9-30 from the field in the first half. Things didn't pick up for the Badgers in the second half either.

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NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BRIAN ANGOLIA

Freshman Keith Jackson has been coach Matta's top reserve, averaging 4.4 points in 17 minutes per contest. Jackson's tremendous slashing and leaping ability has provided XU with a spark off the bench.

Men's upcoming games



Cincinnati
Bearcats (6-1)

Friday 9 p.m.
Cintas Center

UC visits the Cintas Center for the first time in what will surely be the young arena's loudest event yet. C-USA Player-of-the-Year Steve Logan will try to lead the 'Cats to their first win at XU since 1996. UC leads the series, 44-24.



Kent State
Golden Flashes
(4-2)

Thursday, Dec. 20, 7:30 p.m.
Cintas Center

KSU returns to Cincinnati after falling to UK last month at Firststar Center. Guard Trevor Huffman leads the Golden Flashes, who advanced to the NCAA Tournament's second round last season. XU leads the series, 9-4.



Creighton
Blue Jays (3-2)

Saturday, Dec. 22, 5 p.m.
Omaha Civic Auditorium

Xavier will face off against a fellow mid-major during the weekend after finals. In advancing to the NCAA Tournament last season, Creighton went a perfect 14-0 at home. XU leads the all-time series, 5-3, but the teams have not met since 1986.



On Tap



Friday, Dec. 14

•Skyline Chili Crosstown Shootout — Men's basketball vs. Cincinnati at 9 p.m.

•Women's basketball vs. Colorado State (Women's Sports Foundation Classic at Ohio State) at 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 15

•Women's basketball vs. Ohio State/Louisville (Women's Sports Foundation Classic at Ohio State) TBA

Thursday, Dec. 20

•Men's basketball vs. Kent State at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 22

•Men's basketball vs. Creighton at 5:05 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 23

•Women's basketball vs. Middle Tennessee State at 2 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 31

•Women's basketball vs. Mississippi State at 2 p.m.

•Men's basketball vs. Siena at 7 p.m.

Home basketball games take place at Cintas Center.

Home games are in bold.

GAME of the WEEK

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CINCINNATI

Friday, Dec. 14, at 9 p.m.

at the Cintas Center

The Crosstown Shootout has finally arrived! The Bearcats make their first-ever visit to the Cintas Center on Friday. Do whatever you have to do before gametime and come ready to impress Dickie V and the national TV audience with some loud and obnoxious behavior.

Muskies take Invitational

XU returns to .500 after triple OT thriller with Toledo

BY SEAN O'BRIEN
Asst. Sports Editor

This past weekend, the Musketeers hosted the Provident Bank Xavier Invitational at the Cintas Center. After losing four games in a row, Xavier was simply looking to win a game and get things back on the right track.

Xavier won two games as they went on to defeat St. Francis, 79-65, and Toledo, 108-95 in triple overtime, to win the inaugural Provident Bank Xavier Invitational. The two wins improved their record to 4-4.

XAVIER 79, ST. FRANCIS 65

Xavier came into the game looking to snap their four-game losing streak against St. Francis.

In a game that the Musketeers needed to win for many reasons, they beat the Red Flash, 79-65, in the opening round of the tournament.

After falling behind early in the game, 4-0, Xavier mounted a 14-4 run soon after to take a 14-8 lead. St. Francis battled back to tie the game at 20 with nine minutes to go in the first half, but that was as close as the Red Flash would get.

Head coach Melanie Balcomb was not pleased with the Muskies' sluggish start. After the game she said, "We need to be ready to start and finish games."

Xavier used a 10-2 run and eventually took a 39-30 lead into halftime. It was more of the same in the second half as the Musketeers maintained a solid lead the rest of the

game and never allowed St. Francis back into the game.

A well-balanced scoring attack played a role in the victory over St. Francis. Xavier was led by the junior guard tandem of Amy Waugh and Reetta Piipari.

Waugh led the way with 16 points and eight assists, while Piipari went for 11 points and seven assists.

Senior Shavon Bell scored 14 points and grabbed seven rebounds. Sophomore Kate Kreager scored 10 points in the contest.

Xavier also received some career-high scoring nights from two reserves. Sophomore Colleen Yukes scored a career-high eight points and freshman Nikki Wells scored five, also a career high. Freshman Ashleigh Cuncic tied her career-high with seven.

Coach Balcomb was pleased with Wells' best performance so far this season. "Wells was very aggressive. She plays taller than any other post player we have."

The victory brought Xavier's record to within one game of .500 at 3-4.

XAVIER 108, TOLEDO 95 (3OT)

The championship game of the tournament ended up being the longest game in school history. Xavier outlasted Toledo through three overtime periods to beat the Rockets, 108-95, and claim the Provident Bank Xavier Invitational Championship.

Toledo advanced to the champi-

onship game after defeating Howard University, 80-61.

Xavier took a 37-36 lead into halftime after the first 20 minutes of play. There were seven lead changes and four ties in the first half.

In the second half, Toledo had the lead the majority of the half, leading by as many as seven with 9:41 left to play.

However, the Rockets couldn't finish off the Musketeers who battled back to take their first lead of the half, 61-60, off a layup by Kreager with 3:08 to play.

With eight seconds remaining in regulation Xavier was up 69-67 before Teresa Kahle made a layup to send the game into overtime.

In the first overtime, the Rockets went on a 7-0 run and looked like they were on their way to a victory. Instead, Xavier used a 10-3 run in the remaining two minutes of overtime to send the game into a second overtime.

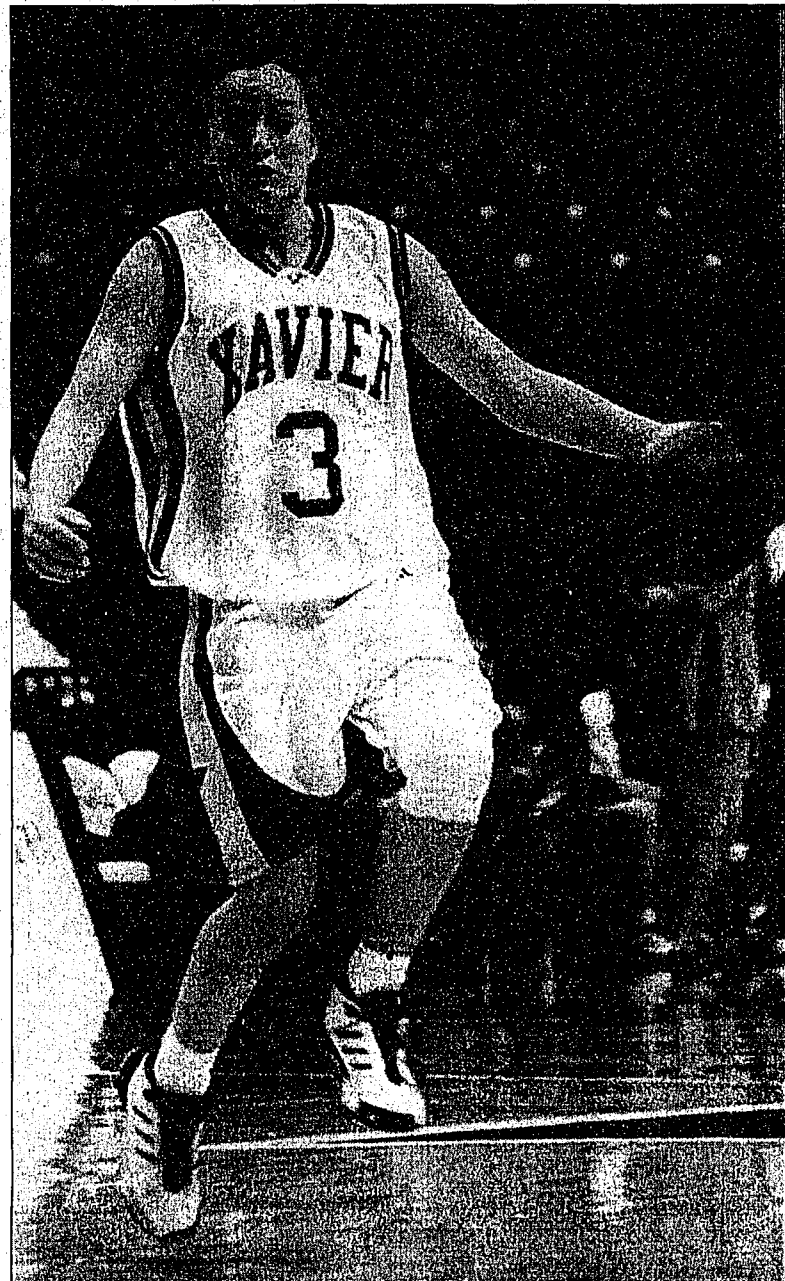
The second overtime was close as neither team led by more than three. Xavier was up 91-89 as the clock wound down but Tia Davis answered the call for Toledo as she made a layup with less than a second to go to send the game into an unbelievable third overtime.

The third overtime was all Xavier. The Musketeers opened up the third OT with an 11-0 run and never looked back. Xavier made eight straight free throws to ice the game and earn the victory.

It was another well-balanced scoring attack that keyed the Musketeers victory. Kreager led the way for Xavier with a career-high 27 points. She also pulled down 10 rebounds to record her fourth career double-double.

Waugh scored 14 of her career-high 26 points in the three overtime periods. Freshman Alexis Henderson recorded her first double-double as she tallied a career-high in both points and rebounds with 19 and 11, respectively.

Bell added 18 and Piipari tossed in 17. The five starters combined to score 107 of the 108 points for Xavier.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY DEVIN MATHIS

Junior guard Amy Waugh led the Muskies back to .500 this week with two wins in the XU Invitational. Waugh scored 16 points and eight assists against St. Francis before pouring in a career-high 26 points against the Rockets in the championship game.

The win improved Xavier's record to 4-4.

CONSOLATION GAME

St. Francis beat Howard, 87-67, in the consolation game. Howard came within eight points, but St. Francis used a solid second half to earn the win.

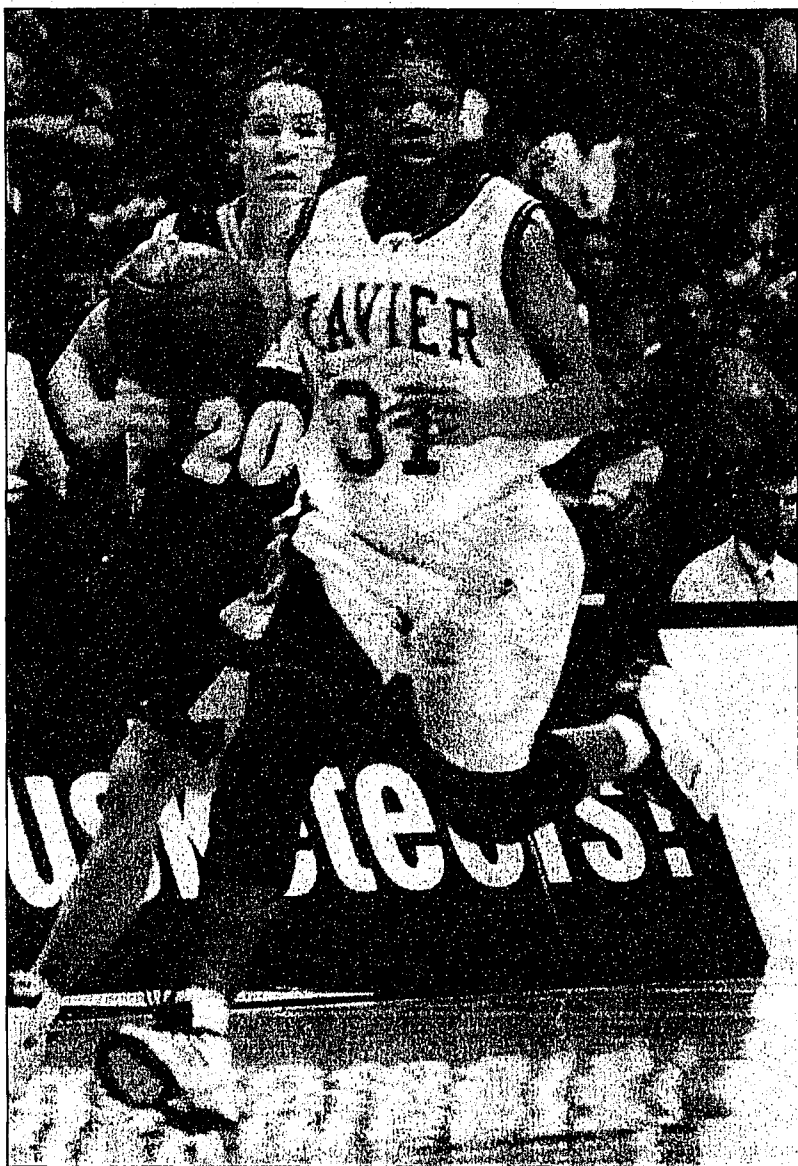
The Red Flash earned the 20-point victory behind a career-high 21 points from junior Sami Allsion.

WAUGH AND KREAGER HONORED

Waugh was named the Provi-

dent Bank Xavier Invitational Most Valuable Player. She scored 16 points and handed out eight assists against St. Francis and 26 against Toledo.

Kreager was named to the all-tournament team. She played well in both games, scoring 10 points against St. Francis, and recorded a double-double against Toledo, scoring 27 points and grabbing 10 rebounds.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY DEVIN MATHIS

Senior Shavon Bell has played well in her new starting role this season, averaging 12.9 ppg and 4.6 rpg. Bell's 18 points on Sunday helped the Muskies knock off Toledo and win the Xavier Invitational.

Women's Sports Foundation Classic



Colorado State Rams (6-1)

Friday 6 p.m.
Value City Arena

CSU will face Xavier in the first round. The Rams had moved up to No. 12 nationally before being upset Sunday by Florida-International. This will be the first meeting between the schools.



Ohio State Buckeyes (2-5)

Saturday 6 p.m. or 8 p.m.
Value City Arena

Last year's WNIT champs have been plagued by injuries to start this year's campaign. The tournament hosts may face Xavier in either the championship or consolation game. The Buckeyes lead the series, 2-1.



Louisville Cardinals (3-2)

Saturday 6 p.m. or 8 p.m.
Value City Arena

These two teams could meet in the second round at OSU. XU ended the Cardinals' season last March during their first-round matchup at the Cintas Center. The schools have split their two meetings.

Xavier's recent domination

Muskies have won four of last five games against Clifton rivals

BY MATT MILLER
Sports Editor

Xavier has won four of the last five games in this rivalry, appropriately named the Crosstown Shootout, the city's biggest sporting event of the year.

This recent success, one of XU's finest since the start of this rivalry on March 7, 1928, still leaves the Muskies with a 44-24 deficit in the all-time series.

Following are the games from the past five seasons, nearly all of which have helped make the Crosstown Shootout one of the best college basketball rivalries in the nation.

XAVIER 71, UC 69 NOV. 26, 1996

The Bearcats entered the game ranked No. 1 in the nation, clearly overlooking their Evanston rivals. XU entered the Shoemaker Center having never won at the arena.

Sophomore Lenny Brown forever endeared himself to XU fans as his one-handed running jumper at the buzzer sent the UC crowd into a state of shock.

In a game in which no team ever led by more than six points, UC held a six-point lead with a minute and a half to play. XU was not finished, though, and sophomore James Posey's basket with six seconds remaining tied the contest at 69.

After UC turned the ball over, the stage was set for Brown's heroics.

Brown dribbled into the lane and lofted his now-famous shot, igniting a roar from the small Evanston campus that could be heard throughout the city.

XAVIER 88, UC 68 DEC. 13, 1997

Both teams entered this matchup in unfamiliar territory. The Muskies came in ranked in the top 10, favored over the Bearcats.

XU took control from the start, routing the 'Cats and winning by one of Xavier's largest margins ever.

The Muskies forced 29 UC turnovers, the second-most in school history.

UC did hang around briefly, trailing Xavier 23-21 with just over eight minutes to play in the first half.

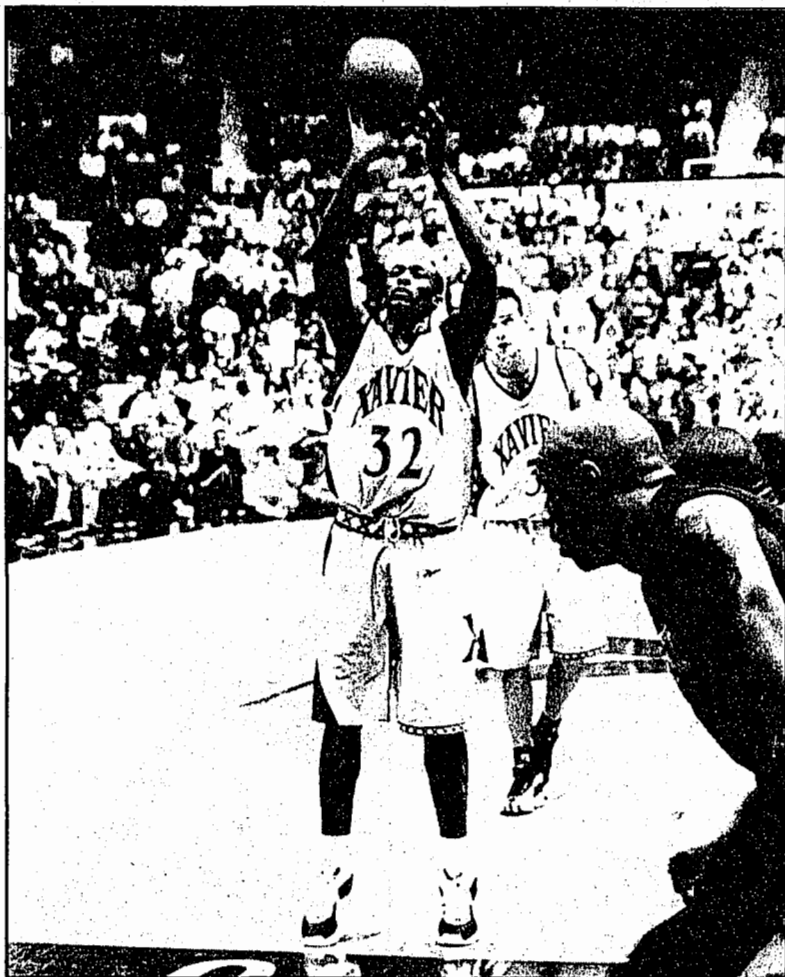
Xavier then put together a 22-2 run, including 16 straight points. With three minutes left in the half, UC was getting demolished by 23 points.

XU held the Bearcats leading scorer D'Juan Baker (26 ppg) to three points and forced him into eight turnovers.

UC 87, XAVIER 77 JAN. 28, 1999

The Muskies' only blemish in the last five years came at the Shoemaker Center in a game which interrupted both schools' conference schedule.

Put together as part of ESPN's "Rivalry Week," the teams' desire



NEWSWIRE ARCHIVE PHOTO

Former Xavier guard Darnell Williams, seen here during the last Crosstown Shootout at the Cincinnati Gardens, scored 16 points in that upset of the No. 1-ranked Bearcats. Williams was a part of three winning XU teams in the Shootout.

to make the game a national event led them to schedule it in late January.

XU came in on a hot streak, having won 10 consecutive games and was off to its best ever start in the A-10. It left that week in a slump, losing to Cincinnati and Dayton, both on the road.

Senior Gary Lumpkin dropped a season-high 25 points on UC in a losing effort. It was Lumpkin's finest performance during an otherwise disappointing final year.

Lumpkin's backcourt mate, Brown, scored 21 points, including 5-9 shooting from beyond the three-point line, despite constant attention from the UC defense.

"For [Brown] to play that well with them being so attentive to him is a real tribute to the kind of player that he is," said XU head coach Skip Prosser.

Freshman Lloyd Price put in a strong performance in his first Shootout, scoring eight points, while pulling in seven rebounds.

For Xavier this would turn out to be their only stumble in recent Crosstown Shootout history.

XAVIER 66, UC 64 DEC. 18, 1999

The final Shootout at the Cincinnati Gardens featured the unbeaten and No. 1-ranked Bearcats facing off against their counterparts from Victory Parkway, struggling at 5-2.

Xavier had gotten blown out by Kansas in Alaska and then was stunned by Miami in Oxford. Most of their wins had come by way of schools such as Maryland-Eastern Shore and East Tennessee State.

The 42nd Shootout at the Gardens would go down as one of its

played a trapping zone which confused guards Steve Logan and Kenny Satterfield and enticed forward Kenyon Martin to force some plays. Martin finished with six turnovers.

Sophomore Kevin Frey was the late-game hero for X on this night, scoring the final four points to seal the second upset of the No. 1-ranked 'Cats in four years.

Frey's two free throws with 30 seconds remaining broke a 62-62 tie and his breakaway layup 20 seconds later clinched the game for XU as jubilant fans stormed the court after the game.

XAVIER 69, UC 67 DEC. 14, 2000

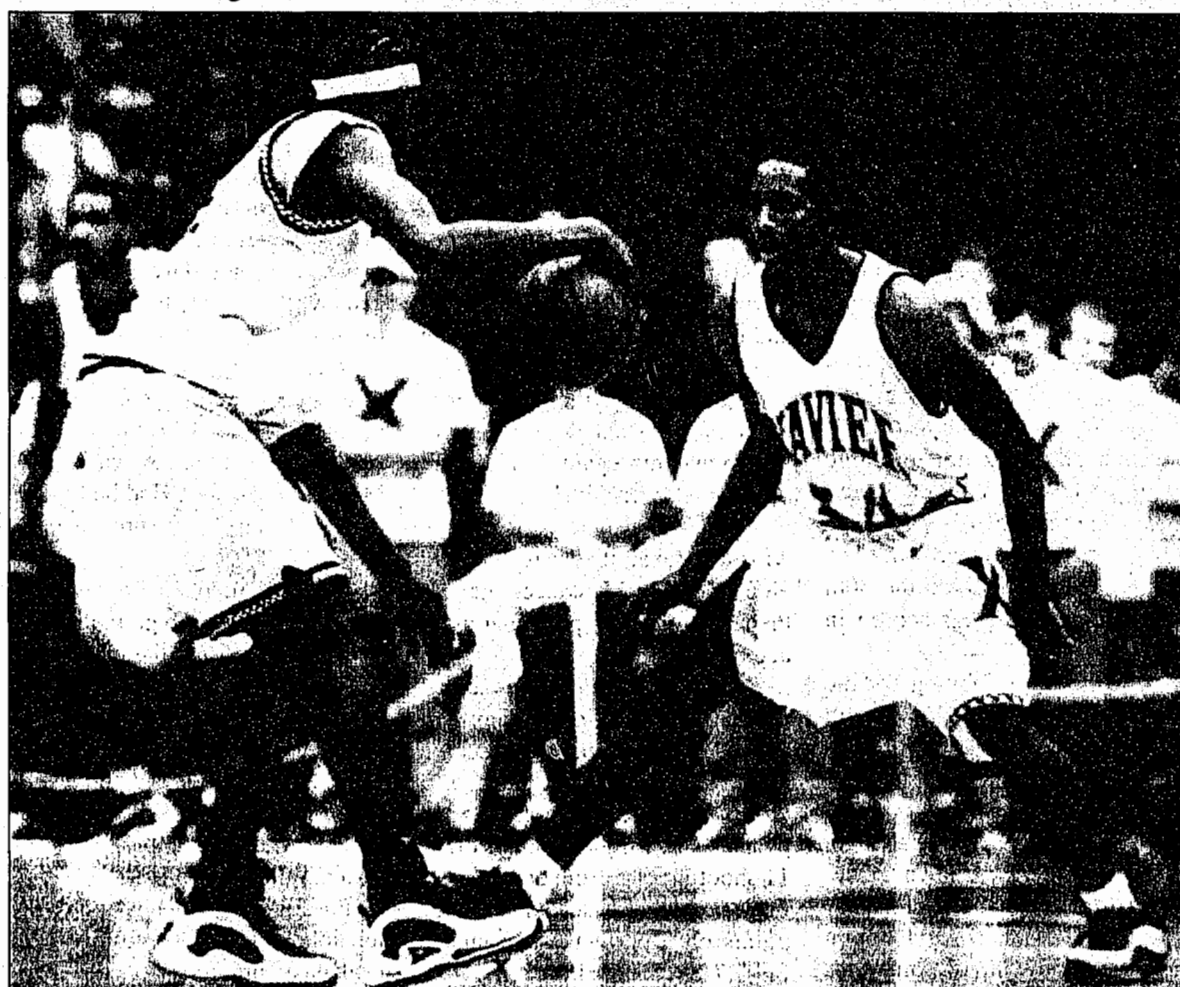
In what has become a common storyline, the Bearcats came into the game nationally-ranked and heavily favored while XU was being overlooked.

A 15-2 run allowed UC to jump out to a 32-17 lead in the first half, but the Muskies were not intimidated by the raucous Shoemaker Center crowd as they put together a rally near the end of the first half.

That run before halftime pulled Xavier within five, but XU still trailed by seven heading into the break.

With UC leading 57-51 with less than nine minutes remaining, the Musketeers went on a 13-0 run, highlighted by eight points from sophomore center David West, who finished the game with 23 points and 13 rebounds in dominating the UC big men.

The 'Cats refused to fold, though, and came back to take a slim 67-65 lead with just under two minutes to play. A free throw by Price set the stage for the junior's defensive heroics.



NEWSWIRE ARCHIVE PHOTO

Former Xavier forward Lloyd Price made a great steal and finish during last year's Shootout at Cincinnati. Price finished with nine points, but his two points with 32.2 seconds remaining in the contest were certainly the biggest of his star-crossed career as a Muskie.

As UC guard Steve Logan brought the ball across center court, Price knocked the ball loose and hustled to pick it up as Logan desperately tried to stop him.

Using every bit of athleticism he possessed, Price flipped the ball toward the hoop as XU fans everywhere watched the ball bounce around before finally settling in to give Xavier the lead and the game.

THIS YEAR

Xavier enters this season's Shootout with a 5-2 record, while UC boasts a 6-1 mark.

For the first Shootout at the Cintas Center, XU boasts a distinct advantage down low with All-American candidate David West.

UC will counter with power forward Jamaal Davis and center Donald Little, although the latter played a measly five minutes against Toledo. "Walk-on" B.J. Grove was reinstated to the team last week just in time to serve his one-game suspension from Conference USA against UT, thereby making him eligible to play against the Muskies.

C-USA Player-of-the-Year Steve Logan is averaging a team-leading 19.7 ppg as the main scoring threat for the 'Cats. Fellow backcourt mate Leonard Stokes is chipping in 14.1 ppg.

After dropping an opening game to Oklahoma State, UC has rattled off six straight wins at home.

It has all the makings of another classic between the two schools. With three of the last five games having been decided by two points, look for this one to still be in doubt as the game enters its final minutes.

Coach Brockhoff honored

40 years of coaching Musketeer tennis earns recognition

BY MATT MILLER
Sports Editor

Xavier tennis coach Jim Brockhoff was honored at Monday's men's basketball game for his 40 years of coaching at XU.

A 1956 graduate of Xavier, Brockhoff began as the Muskies' men's tennis coach in 1962. "I only planned on coaching at Xavier for one or two years," Brockhoff said during Monday's ceremony.

At halftime of XU's game with Wisconsin, athletic director Mike Bobinski presented the coach with a plaque commemorating his 40 years of service to Xavier and its tennis program.

Bobinski then yielded the floor to Brockhoff, who proceeded to give what he called "the longest thank-you ever."

Brockhoff was joined on the

court by current and former players and family members who came to show their support.

In 1973, Brockhoff began the women's tennis team at XU and has served as the women's coach for all 29 years of that program's existence.

In 1971, Brockhoff led two players to the NCAA Championships in singles and doubles, where one of them faced off against a youngster named Jimmy Connors.

An 18-match winning streak for the men's team during the 1988-89 season resulted in a 22-3 season, a school record.

Brockhoff's teams continue to experience success. This season, both teams sent two players to the ITA Midwest Region Championships.

The men's team will be aided

this spring by the return of senior Rob Bakker, an Atlantic 10 All-Conference selection the past two seasons.

The 67-year-old has also been very active in the area's tennis scene. He has been assistant referee at the ATP Championships and has umpired the finals of the ATP.

As a student and three-year letterman at XU, Brockhoff compiled quite a playing career. Brockhoff's match record of 46-4 set the all-time mark for winning percentage (.920), a record that still stands today.

Brockhoff was elected to the Xavier Athletic Hall of Fame in 1981.



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As a 1956 Xavier graduate, left, coach Brockhoff set a school record with a 46-4 record during his college tennis career. His 40 years as coach have earned Brockhoff recognition as well.

Men: XU scores Big Ten win

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While Wisconsin attempted to turn up the pressure on West, their own offense never got off the ground, as shot after shot missed the mark.

"Guys keep attacking me, but they're not really doing anything, too bad or too good either," said West.

Xavier's offense didn't do much in the second half, but they did enough to stay ahead, thanks to a few clutch buckets and trips to the free-throw line.

"Offensively we made some big plays down the stretch, and our free-throw shooting pushed us over the edge," said head coach Thad Matta.

Wisconsin cut the lead to six late in the game, 54-48, following a basket from Freddie Owens. It was the last time they would score, giving the Xmen a win over a major-conference team.

"It was a very good win for our team," said Matta. "A lot of people perceived Wisconsin, because of their record, as not a very good team. That's a heck of a basketball team."

West might not have been spectacular against the Badgers, but the Musketeers leaned on him when it counted, and as usual he came through. His 21 points, seven boards and three blocks paved the way for the Musketeer win. The Wisconsin game marked the 30th straight time West has scored in double-figures.

"The guys are looking for me everytime down the floor," said West. "If they keep giving me the ball, I'll keep putting it in the basket."

Chalmers was effective all night offensively, breaking down his defender to get to the hole for easy shots or quick passes. XU's point guard finished with 16 points and four assists, but did commit four turnovers.

Frey closed out XU's double-

digit scorers with an 11-point effort, including 5-5 from the line.

XU shot well from the field (45.7 percent) and the line (81.3 percent) but struggled mightily from beyond the arc where they shot just 18.2 percent (2-11), a number that won't stand up against UC.

On a positive note, though, the Musketeers did manage to stay calm even when their offense stalled, preventing the Badgers from stealing a win.

"Composure is something we had to keep," said Matta. "Take a play or a possession off and the tide can turn on you that quick."

XAVIER 108, LONG ISLAND 57

The Musketeers hosted the Blackbirds on Saturday, Dec. 8, in a game that was in question for all of about three minutes.

Three minutes is all the time it took for the Musketeers to play to a 7-7 tie, before embarking on a 33-7 run. The 40-14 lead with just under six minutes left in the first half, made the game both a sure thing and an offensive spectacle for the XU faithful in attendance.

"Not to take anything away from them, but we wanted to try and not even make this a game," said West. "Just get it over with."

Long Island entered the game with a defense that was allowing 98.5 ppg. The Musketeers gave it their best effort to push that average over 100 ppg.

While just three Muskies scored in double figures, every player in dress entered the game and scored a point.

Sophomore Romain Sato posted a team-high 21 points off 8-11 shooting (4-6 from downtown). Frey recorded a season-high 19 points on a perfect 6-6 from the field (7-8 from the line).

West rounded out the double-digit scorers with 15 points, but his most notable stat on the night was

the pair of 10s that accompanied his point total.

West grabbed 10 boards and dished out 10 assists in becoming the first Musketeer to record a triple-double in school history.

"I've never coached a guy who's had a triple-double before," said Matta. "It just kind of solidifies the kind of player he is."

As a team, the Musketeers dropped a school-record 36 assists. Already facing an inferior defense, the Musketeers made extra pass on top of extra pass to set up countless easy buckets.

The most notable contribution off the bench came from freshman Anthony Coleman, who scored the first thru ninth points of his college career, including a follow up slam on a missed shot from freshman Keith Jackson.

PURDUE 70, XAVIER 66

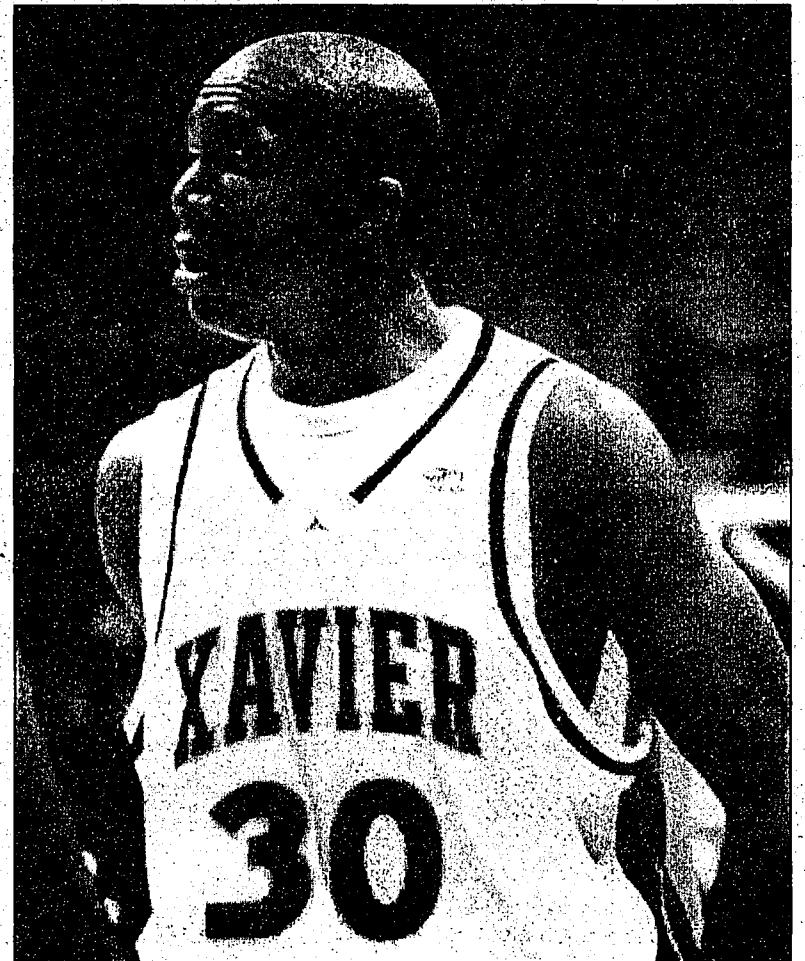
At the end of the season, when the Musketeers look back at the games they should have won. This game will probably be at the top of the list.

West poured in a career-high 31 points, grabbed 15 boards and blocked three shots. He was practically a one-man show, willing the Musketeers to win. Had he had an ounce of help, they surely would have.

Xavier trailed 26-17 with just under six minutes to go in the first half, before closing the gap to two points following a 13-6 run.

The Musketeers were poised to take control at the start of the second half, down 32-30, but were unable to keep their momentum, falling behind 51-39 midway through the second half.

Purdue was carried by their center, John Allison, who earned several easy buckets off lob entry passes over the head of West and Frey. Allison finished with 20 points.



NEWSWIRE PHOTO BY BRIAN ANGOLIA

In notching his third A-10 Player-of-the-Week award, junior David West compiled the first triple-double in XU history by picking up 15 points, 10 rebounds and 10 assists in the win over LIU.

Freshman Jaison Williams, in for the struggling Chalmers, helped spark an 16-3 XU run over the next six minutes to take the lead, 55-54.

Unfortunately the Musketeers again went cold, and never lead again. A pair of late threes from Chalmers and Frey, made the game look closer than it actually was. Prior to their three-pointers, the Musketeers were just 2-21 from outside the arc. Chalmers and Sato combined to go 3-20 from the field.

Purdue didn't fare much better from the field (39 percent to XU's 35.2 percent) or from three-point range 16.7 percent (3-18). In the end though, their depth and scoring from multiple players, spelled the end for XU.

West did become the 38th player to join the Musketeer's 1,000-point club in the loss. West passed Gary

Mass following his 21-point night against Wisconsin and now ranks 34th with 1,056 points. He will most likely pass Victor Fleming, who ranks 33rd with 1,059 points, in the UC game.

CROSTOWN SHOOTOUT

No matter what either team goes on to do during the course of the season, this is always the game fans revert to when discussing their team's prowess.

Forget the Reds and the Bengals. The shootout eclipses all other local sporting events and lately it's been the Musketeers who have shined in the spotlight.

Winners of four out of the last five contests, the Musketeers host the event on-campus for the first time since 1949.



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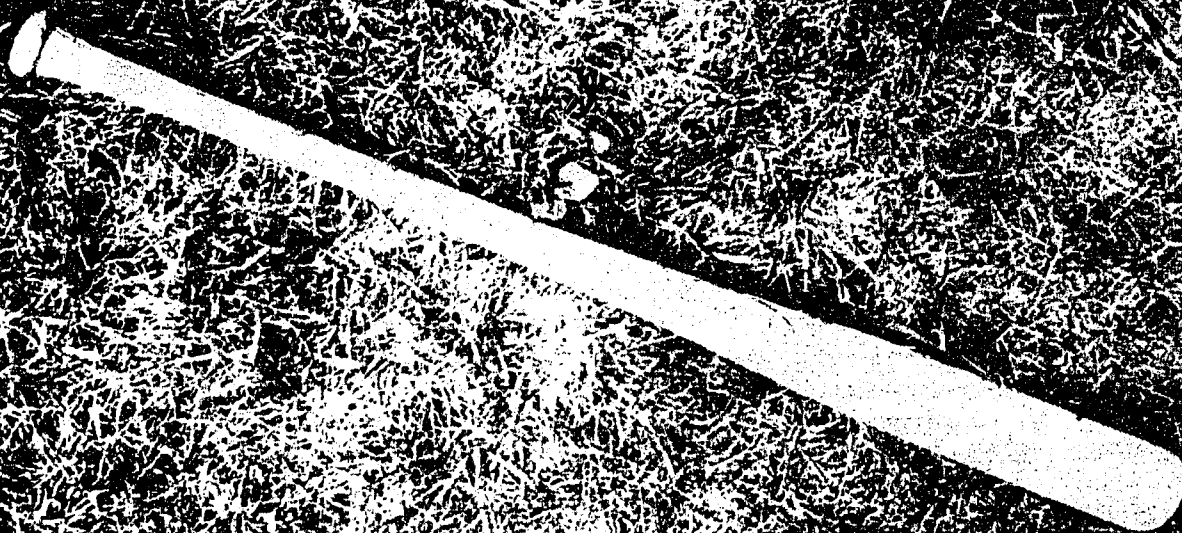
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A presentation of the traditional Charles Dickens' classic tale, this show celebrates its 11th Playhouse production.

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All show times are 2 p.m. for matinees and 7 p.m. for evening shows.

Ticket prices range from \$32 - \$44 depending on seat location and day. All tickets are \$15 for children ages five to 12. Children under five will not be admitted.

Any unreserved tickets are half-price every day when purchased between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Tuesday - Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, call 421-2248.

Video contest

The Christophers announce their 15th Annual Video Contest for college students.

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The theme for this year is "One Person Can Make a Difference." Entries may be created using film or video, but must be submitted on standard, full-sized VHS tape and must be five minutes in length.

The deadline for entries is June 14, 2002. Official entry forms are available by visiting www.christophers.org/contests.html.

Faculty Art Show

The Xavier University department of art presents its annual Faculty Art Show in the Cohen Art Gallery with selected works from faculty of all disciplines.

For more information, call M. Katherine Uetz at 745-3811.

Just another teen movie

TRY AS IT MAY, THIS FLICK STILL FALLS SHORT ... AND FREDDY PRINZE JR. ISN'T EVEN IN IT

BY MIKE KOHLBECKER
 Diversions Editor

Who will carry the torch of juvenile, disgusting, poop humor this winter? Ladies and gentlemen, may I present to thee: "Not Another Teen Movie."

Remember "Scary Movie," which spoofed the recent wave of teen slasher flicks? By some cosmic catastrophe, it ended up being the number one movie of the summer of 2000. It wasn't long before it was tried again on a different genre. This time, the victims are teen movies that have swept theaters over the past couple years.

And to tell you the truth, absurd, off-color humor has never been more enjoyable.

Plot really isn't the emphasis in "Not Another Teen Movie." It is a series of scenarios featuring spoofed characters from teen movies. The plot loosely holds the situations together.

Chyler Leigh is Janey, who is a feminist loser (Think a hybrid of "10 Things I Hate about You" and "She's All That.") and Jake Wyler (Chris Evans) makes a bet that he can turn her into prom queen. Thus, the madness ensues.

The thing that makes this film enjoyable is the characters. They all have their moments to shine, absurd as these moments may be. Instead of a white guy trying to act black ("Can't Hardly Wait"), there is a white guy trying to act Chinese. Then there is the airhead exchange student ("American Pie")

named Ariola (Get it? She's naked the whole film.)

Remember the scene in "Cruel Intentions" where Sarah Michelle Gellar and Selma Blair

make out (of course you do)? Picture this happening between a teenager and a 70-year-old woman. Gross. This is the nature of the comedy to expect.

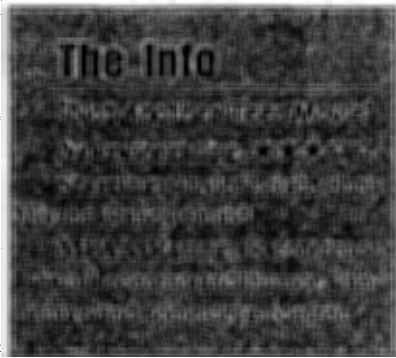


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Mia Kirshner and Beverly Polcyn spoofing a scene from "Cruel Intentions."

They go on and on, as not one teen movie is spared. On this note, don't expect to enjoy "Not Another Teen Movie" if you aren't familiar with teen movies. The film will be simply absurd to those who don't know where the jokes originate.

Also to be enjoyed are the many cameos. Molly Ringwald, Paul Gleason and Mr. T all steal some impressive scenes. Punk rock fans will also be more than pleased to see Good Charlotte as the band

playing at the prom.

Extreme — yet funny — characters, great cameos, minimal plot and a musical number comprise the bulk of this film. These are all the right ingredients for an off-the-wall comedy. They mix very well in "Not Another Teen Movie." As long as all maturity and any shred of intelligence are checked at the door, this will be a film to enjoy.

CONCERT REVIEW

A night of emo

WEEZER'S STAGE SHOW DISAPPOINTS, BUT THIS STAR-STUDED EVENT STILL ROCKED OUT

BY MIKE KOHLBECKER
 Diversions Editor

It was the concert line-up of a lifetime: Punk/emo/rock 'n roll up-and-comers Jimmy Eat World, followed by the acoustic madness of Jack Black's Tenacious D, and topped off with the geeky melodies of Weezer. So what if it was in Cleveland? We loaded up on Taco Bell and Mountain Dew, then hit the road for what promised to be a rock and roll night to remember.

Jimmy Eat World took the stage first. Playing in front of a half-full arena, vocalist Jim Adkins announced, "We are the Jimmy Eat World from Arizona," as they launched into "Bleed American" followed by "A Praise Chorus." The band had little to say between songs, but it didn't sap one ounce of energy from their performance. The set consisted mostly of songs from the new album *Bleed American*.

can. It was a healthy mix of slow and rocked-out songs. For the majority of the set, the band had a female keyboardist/vocalist assisting with the set. Her harmonies added a whole new dimension to the music heard on the CD. Songs like "Sweetness" have never sounded better. After 30 short minutes, the band exited the stage.

Next was the acoustic comedy duo of Tenacious D, featuring Jack Black (from movies such as "Saving Silverman" and "Shallow Hal") and Kyle Gass. The songs were short and to the point, but humorous and off-color in nature. "I'm singing this song for the girls, but it's to the guys," asserted Black as he dove into a song about the proper way to have sex with a woman.

Sporting a beard, Jack Black amused the audience with his antics. (It quickly became apparent

that Gass is the real musical talent in the band.) "How old are you?" Black questioned a female in the front row, "20?! Man, you are good to go! Someone get her a backstage pass!"

Forty-five minutes later, it was time for Weezer. The lights went down and the crowd erupted. After a short instrumental, the California quartet opened with "Island in the Sun." With the slow nature of the song, this seemed an odd choice to open the set with, but they pressed on. They played most of their classic songs, including "Say It Ain't So," "Undone — The Sweater Song" and "Buddy Holly." Some new songs were also interjected, most of which sounded significantly more edgy than the current album *Weezer*.

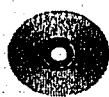
Sadly, they only played one song from *Pinkerton*, "Tired of Sex." Vocalist Rivers Cuomo report-

edly hates the album and resents playing it. From the crowd's reaction during "Tired of Sex," it was obvious they didn't feel the same.

Weezer closed with "Only in Dreams," followed by an encore of "Surf Wax America" (the former of which is a better encore).

The problem with Weezer's set was the lack of energy. The sound and lights were amazing, but the band seemed bored. They switched guitars after nearly every song, which halted any momentum they had acquired. Also, Cuomo isn't much of a performer. He rarely mumbled more than, "Thanks for the applause, my friends." At one point, he even encouraged security to go get the kids who were jumping from stands onto the floor.

All in all, it was a great show to experience, though I wonder if Weezer is a band better appreciated on CD.



New Releases



The following discs are due for release on or before Dec. 11 ...

Blaque, *Blaque Out* (Columbia) ... **Nate Dogg**, *Music and Me* (Elektra) ... **Mobb Deep**, *Infamy* (Loud) ... **No Doubt**, *Rock Steady* (Interscope) ... **Joe**, *Better Days* (Jive) ... **The Church**, *Numbers* (Thirsty Ear)

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Live Wires

Wednesday, Dec. 12
Natalie Merchant
 @ Taft Theatre

Thursday, Dec. 13
Hoobastank
 @ Bogart's

Friday, Dec. 14
Oval Opus
 @ Bogart's

Saturday, Dec. 15
Freekbass
 @ Barrelhouse Brewing Company

IN YOUR EAR

**Dan the Automator**

Lovage — Music to Make Love to Your Old Lady By
(Narda)



Grab this album, as quickly as you can.

Eros ... love ... the erotic. Outside the heady philosophical attempts to explain such things is the real experience. It is a complicated affair most always. It is not easy to capture such a range of experience in an album, either. However, without flinching, I can say that Dan the Automator has created a compilation so sublime, it has clenched the bare bones of the matter.

Unrelenting in honesty, *Lovage — Music to Make Love to Your Old Lady By* delves into the many aspects of lovemaking, courting, relationships, roles, fantasy, innuendos and even hygiene. You may

find a whiff of morality in the album, but it is distinctly offset by the raw sounds of subconscious courses and animal lust. The experience of listening is like trying to bring both worlds together. Can it be done? That is a question with which to be dealt.

The aim of many of the songs is essentially to break musical ground on the front of sexual desire and conduct. Some of the most erotic interplays between Faith No More's Mike Patton and Elysian Fields' Jennifer Charles are in Track 12, "Sex (I'm A)." Between a slow seductive guitar and an easy beat are the two singers panting interchanging lines, the woman starting: "I'm a one-night stand" Man: "I'm a man." Woman: "I'm a bi." Man: "I'm a man." Woman: "I'm a slave." Man: "I'm a man."

The entire song repeats this interplay, unmistakably invoking an image of sex and further exploring the many roles people actually take on in a sexual relationship.

Overall, this album is *not* a prime one to make love to your old lady by because the content would simply bug the both of you out. Track 16, "Archie and Veronica," goes like this: "Flowers on your grave, I made my mistakes, flowers on your grave ..." Hardly make out music. I think, despite the earlier erotic songs that are so freely indulgent, the conclusion of the al-

bum is clearly the high price which one pays following lust to its far reaches. Such an idea harkens back to an early warning on the start of Track 5, "To Catch a Thief," a retro-style voice from a sex-ed video or something says: "I feel that you shouldn't get involved in an intimate relationship until you are emotionally mature enough to handle it ... without guilt, inhibitions or phoniness, but with love and tenderness." And the beat kicks in. Easy to be skeptical toward; that corny voice is the irony and doom that eventually sends the album's couple to their grave.

Full of innovation, another concept album with intelligence, and packed with meaning, Dan the Automator's new album *Lovage — Music to Make Love to Your Old Lady By* is a must have for the eclectic collector. Besides the concept, the musical content is superb, mixed and cut by the best.

— Jon Bachmeyer,
Contributing Writer

**Garrison**

Be A Criminal
(Revelation)



Quick disc, great album

Good old emo music. I guarantee you, this will be the new "big" genre out there. It seems everyone is getting sick of the whole Blink 182 thing and, personally, I hate rap-metal, nu-metal whatever it is. I'll admit it, I was always a metal kid, but this emo stuff does it for me. A lot of it gets to the point right away. That's why I really like the new release from Garrison — *Be A Criminal*.

This effort is an excellent blend of good punk rock and emo. The record really bounces with great melodies and harmonies. The vocalist shares a similarity to *At the Drive In*. However, unlike ATDI, Garrison is not as lively. Sure, there are many fast-paced songs, but they

all are extremely catchy and will stay in your head for days.

The vocalist seems so in your face it is as if he is whispering in your ear. Listen to him though — he's got great things to say. The lyrics are excellent, but all the CD booklet gives you is one main line from each of the songs. The CD is like one quick blip, 27 minutes and it's over, almost like a Slayer album. There's even an instrumental track on this album which reminded me of old Black Flag when they'd play long blistering instrumentals in between hard-hitting tracks.

This band does everything right. The songs are short and to the point. The lyrics are good, even abstract to the point where you can draw your own conclusions to what the songs are about. The line, "I'd rather point a finger, but I'd rather point a gun" from "Dump the Body" really hits home. Excellent lyrics make me love the record even more. These are well-rounded people writing these lyrics here, not some frat-boy nu-metal guy writing about "breaking stuff" and "nookie."

Lord, I just wish we had more lyrically conscious bands like Garrison out there. Sure, this album is a quickie, but it is definitely worth hearing. If you are a big fan of emo, punk, or indie rock, then this band is for you.

— Asa Kraning,
Contributing Writer

**Timbaland and Magoo**

Indecent Proposal
(EMD/Virgin)



Someone tell Tim to ditch Magoo ...

Has anyone not heard of Timbaland by now? Without a doubt he is one of the premiere producers in hip hop, if not the best right now. Just recently he's given us Petey Pablo and the turned-American anthem "Raise Up" as well as the dirty south version of Eminem, Bubba Sparxxx. But did you know that Tim doesn't seclude himself in the production room? That's right kids, enter *Indecent Proposal*.

A follow up to 1997's *Welcome to Our World*, this new album shows indubitable maturity. Several years under his belt and new artists under his management, Timbaland's recruitment of help for the album helps to raise it up to a truly enjoyable experience. There is however, a catch.

Magoo is his rhyming partner. Now, for those that don't know, Magoo is not your typical rapper. In fact, think Ja Rule after sucking helium. Magoo's almost cartoonish nasal tone and simple style of rhym-

ing bring the album down a notch. Let's face it, he and Timbaland are not the best emcees out there. However, there are enough guest artists to keep the album spinning in your CD player.

Jay-Z, Ludacris, Bubba Sparxxx and the late Aaliyah all make appearances on this disc. The flow of the album is laid back and pleasurable.

The majority of the tracks have an almost eerie vibe to them, with minor notes comprising the bulk of the songs. While odd, this style isn't so peculiar that it ruins the feeling of the album. In fact it makes it all the more a curiosity. "Indian Carpet" has spooky piano riffs mixed with a moaning gospel choir for backup vocals. "One and All" nods at Eastern music with Indian-esque tendencies. "People Like Myself" even takes one of the freshest approaches I've seen in awhile by incorporating a strong Celtic hook into the background to create the best track on the album.

Smooth, solid and addictive is the production style of Timbaland that makes this disc worth purchasing, for parties at least. Let's not kid ourselves; it's not the most lyrically intensive album out there. But if you're looking for a CD to cruise around to at night that borders between R&B and hip hop, stop by your local music store and snag a copy of this album.

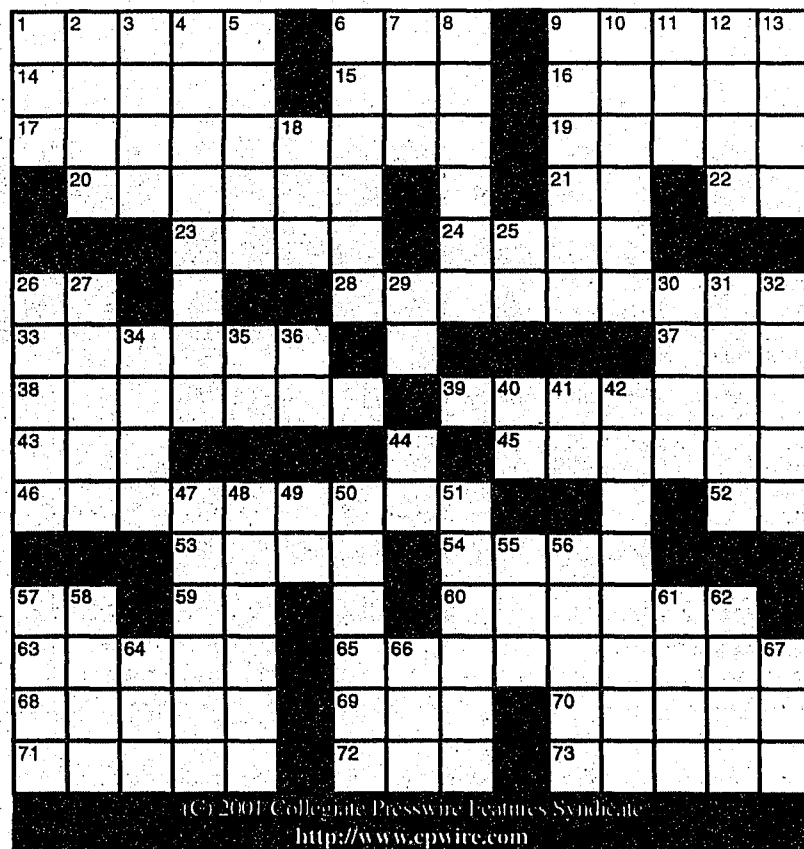
— Brian Faust,
Divisions Editor

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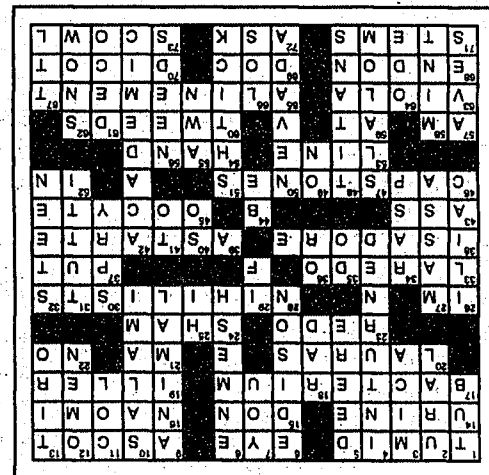
1. Swollen
6. See ____ to ____
9. Annual horse race
14. Liquid from a kidney
15. River in central Russia
16. Great grandmother of King David
17. A one celled organism
19. More unwell
20. Huts where monks prayed
21. State North of CT
22. Denial
23. Use an interior designer
24. Accessory for a coverlet
26. Plural ending in Hebrew words
28. Anarchists
33. City on the Rio Grande
37. Set to a duty
38. Name meaning "Gift of Isis"
39. Chestnut clam
43. Beast of burden
45. Immature egg cell of an ovary
46. Crowning achievements
52. Latin origin prefix
53. Shortest distance between two points
54. Cards dealt
57. Before noon
59. "I'll be home tonight ____ 10!"
60. Woven wools
63. Four stringed musical instrument
65. Ground plan of a railroad
68. ____ a happy note
69. "What's up ____?"
70. Angiospermous plant
71. These held up flowers
72. First man in Scandinavian myth
73. Sour look

DOWN

1. Old boat
2. Russian lake
3. Hydrous silicate of aluminum
4. What a problem foot may be
5. Tractor brand
6. Father of the phonograph
7. "It had to be ____"
8. Tangle up
9. A mammal, e.g.
10. Italian snack
11. Depression in a mountain range
12. Name of movie horror series
13. Novice
18. Slang for "radical"
25. Non continental state
26. Relating to the hipbone
27. Western Italy marble city
29. In case
30. Shortening brand
31. All (musical)
32. Dutch painter Jan
34. Coarse file
35. To perform a duty
36. Yellow metal in heraldry
40. Musical note
41. ____ and pro
42. Scholarly
44. Education degree
47. Ski maneuver
48. "Clash of the ____"
49. Faucet choice
50. Las Vegas home state
51. Comic routine
55. Plant bristle



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56. Penuries
57. Latin hellos
58. Coin producer
61. Art ____
62. Ice-crystal precipitation
64. Lyric poem
66. Spanish plural article

WEDNESDAY

December 12

Christmas is coming a little early this year. Your faithful Calendar Man has delivered once again. I am proud to usher in a new era here in Calendar City. This begins the dawn of the age of the "Calendar Girl." Oh how I love, I love, I love, I love my Calendar Girl. Sweeet Calendar Girl. Why toy with a good thing, you may ask? Well, the addition of the Calendar Girl gives you a little more visual stimulation other than my random boldings. That ... and it makes me have to write a whole lot less. So I'm asking all of you bodacious babes out there to send your pics in, like Kelly here. Who knows? Maybe you could even be the next Calendar Girl.

Although this polish bombshell may be ushering in a new era, the International Coffee Hour is saying goodbye to some of the old. Today from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. is the Graduation Coffee Hour. Go see Kelly's friend Zack as he heads to Yale with his 1502 SATs. Or maybe you can catch a glimpse of Jessie as she heads off to Stansberry (not Stanford).

Not all of our graduates will be going into the business world of course. Screech Powers, for instance, will remain the faithful servant of Mr. Belding. You can hear about all your service opportunities by going to Schott at 4 p.m.

Do you remember how the gang would always get really in-

Calendar City

By Dan Arbezniak To place an item in the calendar, call 924-8417 or mail to ML 2129.

tense for the big game against Valley? Zack and A.C. once even kidnapped the Bulldog chess-player so that Screech could win. Show your school spirit and head out to D'Artagnan to "Hunt the Bearcat" from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

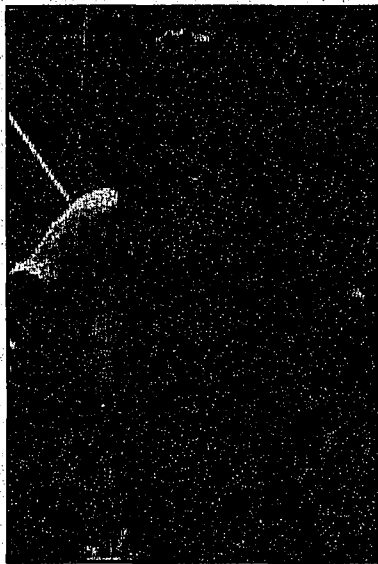
December 13

Hanukkah is ... the Festival of Lights. Instead of one day of presents we have eight craazy nights. Take the opportunity on this night of insanity to go and see the Festival of Lights at the Cincinnati Zoo. Grab your books and give yourself a look. The bus slides by from the Nieporte Lounge at 5 p.m.

You know, if you knew what was on Mr. Testaverde's test like Screech did, there wouldn't be any problem. But with things as they are, you better go to the Blessing of the Brains at 9 p.m. today in Bellarmine Chapel.

Known SBTB fan Ted Nugent was born today. If anyone could convince my mom to let me have a Red Rider BB Gun with a compass in the stock and this thing that tells time, it would be he.

Since Kelly was busy cheering on the chess team, she, and



Calendar Girl
Kelly Kapowski

the rest of Hot Sunday/the Lipsticks/Zack Attack had to cancel their concert. Hoobastank will take their place at Bogart's at 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

December 14

On the first day of Christmas (today) my true love (Kelly) gave to me a "most x-treme fan contest." The xtreming begins at 7 p.m. in front of Cintas. This is of course in preparation for the men's basketball game tonight against the Bearcats. Tick-

ets go on sale at the worst possible time but don't worry "there will be enough for everyone." I have been informed that the pre-game rally will be held at the Max.

Bogart's, Bogart's, Bogart's, I made you out of clay. Bogart's, Bogart's, Bogart's today Oval Opus will play. The concert starts at 8:30 p.m.

The Xavier Players present the Comedy Toolbox today at 8 p.m. in the Kelley Auditorium.

SATURDAY

December 15

I know that you can't just call "timeout" like some people in this world (Zack Morris). So just in case you missed the Toolbox yesterday in favor of a little basketball game, don't worry about it, preppy. They'll be on again today in the Kelley Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Are you on basketball overload? Kick the habit and go to a movie. B.A.C.C.H.U.S. presents "A Night at the Movies." Go see "Ocean's Eleven" or "Monster's Inc." Meet at the circle at 9 p.m. I don't know where the theatre is, but you can bet on it being a little bigger than the 15 seater that Kelly and A.C./Zack/Jeff went to to snuggle and spoon.

SUNDAY

December 16

There's not really anything going on today. Go to Mass and pray for your soul. Finals begin tomorrow.

MONDAY

December 17

Final exams begin today. Stop wasting your time blowing into that Nintendo. It's never going to work again. Cancel anything you had resembling a life and crack the spines of those textbooks. Here are some words of comfort that administrators are sure to give you: as long as you did the work during the semester, you should be fine. What they don't tell you is that if you didn't do the work, you may as well dig a shallow grave and crawl inside because you my friend, are screwed.

TUESDAY

December 18

By now I'm sure that the exams have made you numb to the world. Mellow out and watch "Christmas Eve on Sesame Street," "Rudolf the Red-nosed Reindeer" or "a Charlie Brown Christmas."

On the fifth day of Christmas my teachers gave to me ... three tests in one day. Good Grief. Thank God it's St. Dionysius' feast day. Kelly and I are headed to the bars to fulfill our Tuesday obligation.

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